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Letter From the Editor

Who's in the running for the top spot in college football in 1995? Round up the usual suspects. Nebraska captured its fourth straight Big Eight title and coach Tom Osborne won his first national championship when the Cornhuskers defeated Miami, the best in the Big East, in the Orange Bowl to cap a perfect season. Penn State went 12-0, which included coach Joe Paterno's record 16th bowl victory (over Pac-10 leader Oregon in the Rose), but the Nittany Lions finished second in the polls. Florida State ran its Atlantic Coast Conference winning streak to 24 games and became the first team to finish in the top 5 nationally for eight consecutive years when it beat two-time Southeastern Conference champ Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

Eligible to compete with all of the above in this year's race are Auburn and Texas A&M. Coming off a two-year NCAA probation with 20 victories, Auburn hosts SEC rivals Alabama and Florida as the Tigers roar into the starting gate. Texas A&M, serving a one-year penalty, sat out the postseason with a 10-0-1 mark. The Aggies are back in the fast lane for the final season in the Southwest Conference.

Let's cut past the chase and go directly to the finish line. The clamor for a playoff to determine the top team has been rising. College football fans have long been eager to see the championship decided in head-to-head competition rather than by a majority vote, as was the case a year ago when Nebraska and Penn State did not meet. But the possibility that the No. 1 and No. 2 teams will play each other for the national title was made greater by a new bowl alliance, which scrapped some traditional league ties to bowl games.

The champions of the Big Eight, SEC, and SWC are no longer contractually bound, respectively, to the Orange, Sugar, and Cotton Bowls. The Fiesta, Sugar, and Orange Bowls will alternate as hosts for what could be the national championship game, with the Fiesta making the first two selections for its bowl this year. Because the Big Ten and the Pac-10 are contractually obligated to the Rose Bowl through the year 2001, however, there is no guarantee that No. 1 will play No. 2. Of course, if Penn State and Southern Cal, for example, are atop the polls at the conclusion of the regular season, then Pasadena will be the site for the national championship. Thus the new alliance remains an improved yet imperfect system.

Still, if Street & Smith's preseason forecast comes true, Florida State and Nebraska, our top two teams, will meet on January 2.

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Preview

● No. 1 Florida vs. No. 2 Texas A&M.

That's a postseason matchup college football couldn't deliver on New Year's Day—until now. The Southeastern and Southwest Conference champions could meet in an unprecedented battle in the Fiesta Bowl. It could happen on January 2, 1996.

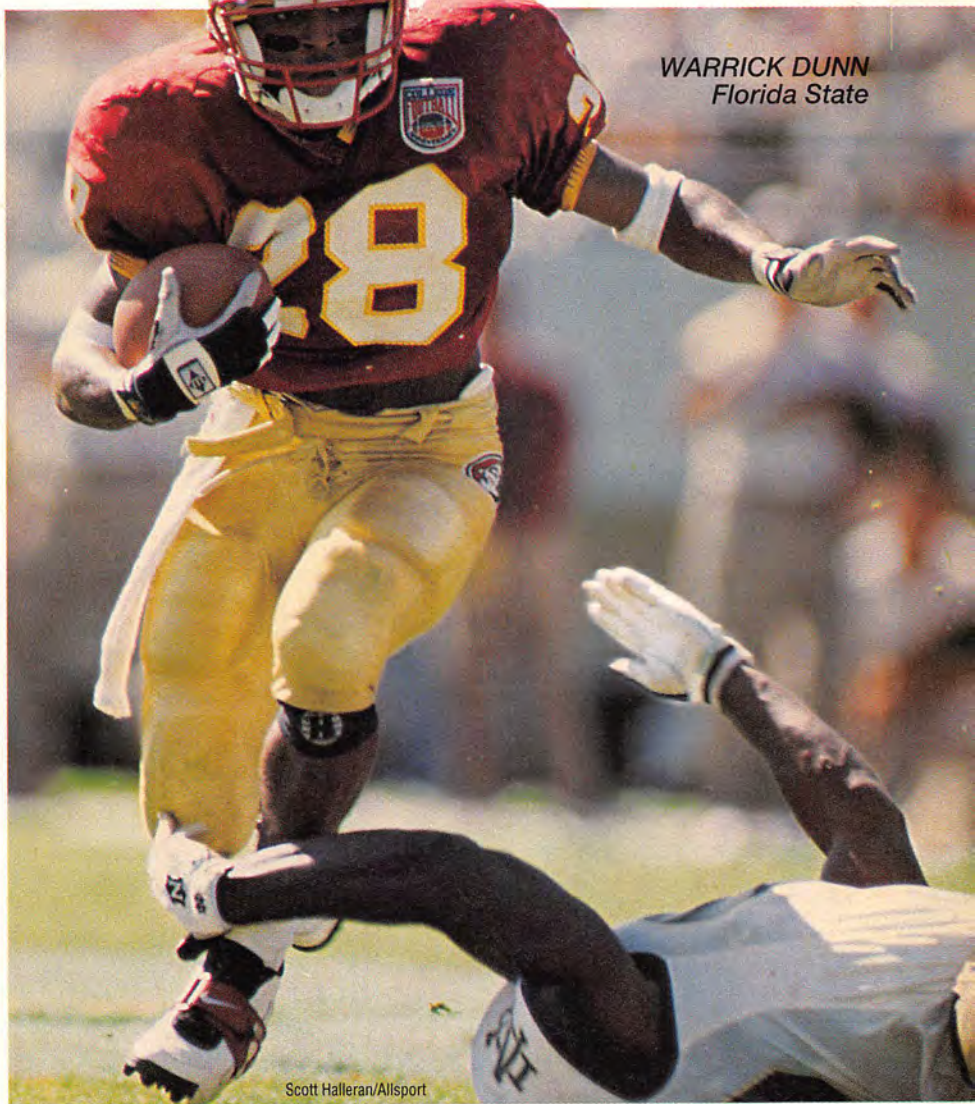
Or it could be No. 1 Auburn vs. No. 2 Nebraska: SEC champ vs. Big Eight champ.

Or No. 1 Colorado vs. No. 2 Texas A&M: Big Eight champ vs. SWC champ.

The likelihood that No. 1 will play No. 2 in a bowl game has never been greater. National championship games college football could not deliver may now be played thanks to the scrapping of some traditional conference tie-ins to bowl games. The new Bowl Alliance, forged by nervous bowl executives wary of the NCAA's plan to study a playoff, has radically altered the postseason landscape. The Big Eight champion is no longer contractually bound

Top 25

1. FLORIDA STATE
2. NEBRASKA
3. TEXAS A&M
4. AUBURN
5. SOUTHERN CAL
6. PENN STATE
7. FLORIDA
8. MIAMI
9. ALABAMA
10. VIRGINIA
11. NOTRE DAME
12. OHIO STATE
13. UCLA
14. COLORADO STATE
15. COLORADO
16. OREGON
17. TENNESSEE
18. MICHIGAN
19. NORTH CAROLINA
20. TEXAS TECH
21. ARIZONA
22. SOUTH CAROLINA
23. ILLINOIS
24. BOSTON COLLEGE
25. TEXAS



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Florida State

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to the Orange Bowl. The SEC champ is no longer locked into the Sugar Bowl. The SWC winner isn't committed to the Cotton Bowl. There's a whole new set of rules.

The Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Eight, Big Ten, Pac-10, Southeastern, and Southwest Conferences and Notre Dame joined to forge the Bowl Alliance. In this new Alliance, the Fiesta Bowl gets the first and second selections in making its bowl matchup this season. The Orange Bowl makes picks 3 and 5, and the Sugar Bowl picks 4 and 6. The Sugar Bowl makes the first two selections in 1997, and the Orange Bowl makes them in 1998. This is good news for college football fans eager to see championships decided on the field instead of by pollsters.

"We had the old system, and then the Bowl Coalition was formed and it was a better system," Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said. "Now the Bowl Alliance is an ever better system, but ultimately the public still wants a playoff and I believe they will clamor for it because there remains no guarantee No. 1 will play No. 2."

That is because the Pac-10 and Big Ten champs are still contractually obligated to the Rose Bowl. It's a significant roadblock in the Alliance's desire to pair No. 1 against No. 2 in a national championship bowl game.

"It's obviously not the best system, but it's as good as we can get without the Big Ten and Pac-10," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said. "It's better than what we've had."

Better may not cut it if the Big Ten or

Pac-10 cracks the top two in the final regular season rankings. Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan, and Illinois should be strong again in the Big Ten. USC, UCLA, Oregon, Arizona, and Washington boast firepower in the Pac-10.

"I don't know how people think they are going to have a matchup of No. 1 and 2 every year," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "Look at this last NFL draft. The Big Ten had 37 players selected and the Pac-10 had 36. Only one other conference was close, the SEC (34). With that kind of talent in the Big Ten and the Pac-10, and now with Southern Cal coming back, it's difficult for me to believe the Bowl Alliance will be able to match up No. 1 and 2 every year without the Rose Bowl involved."

The Bowl Alliance cannot pair the likes of, say, No. 1 Nebraska against No. 2 Penn State. It would have been a grand matchup last year of two undefeated teams, but the No. 1 Cornhuskers were locked into the Orange Bowl as the Big Eight champs. They defeated the Miami Hurricanes to win coach Tom Osborne his first national title. The No. 2 Nittany Lions were tied to the Rose Bowl as Big Ten champs, where they routed Oregon but couldn't win enough

votes to claim a piece of the national title.

If a No. 1 Nebraska and a No. 2 Penn State were to repeat their undefeated runs this season, the Bowl Alliance's grandiose retooling would change nothing. College football would be in an all too familiar position on New Year's Day:

- Unable to pit No. 1 vs. 2
- Asking coaches and sportswriters to decide its champion
- Listening to more cries for a playoff

The Pac-10 and Big Ten's contract with the Rose Bowl runs through 2001.

Al Messerschmidt

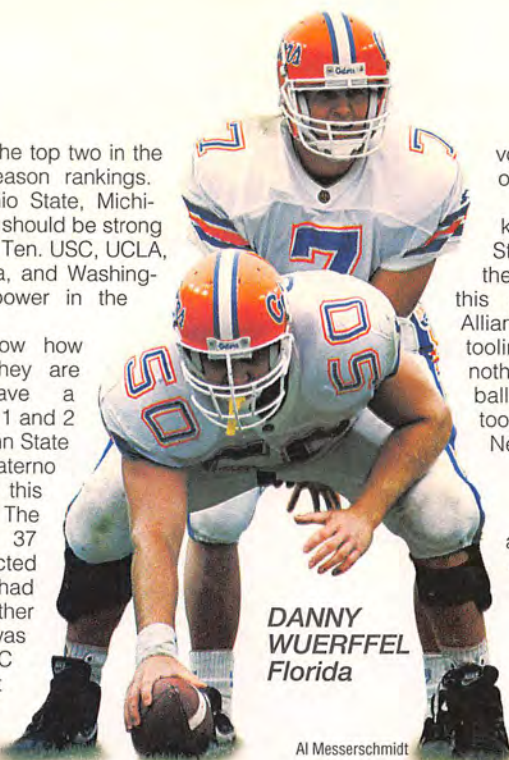
"We have a contract, and we are committed to it," says Mark Rudner, the Big Ten's assistant commissioner. There have, however, been conversations in the Big Ten about modifying the contract. There are compelling reasons for the Pac-10 and Big Ten to change their minds. There will be financial pressure on the Rose Bowl to join the Alliance. There will be public and media pressure, too. The Rose Bowl once boasted the granddaddy of paydays. Rose Bowl officials are working to bump their payout to \$8 million per team this year. That's almost triple what the Fiesta Bowl paid out last year, but that's changed, too. The Bowl Alliance guarantees that the Fiesta Bowl will pay out at

least \$12 million per team this season.

"I think the Alliance is a good thing," said Osborne. "Ideally, you would like to see the Rose Bowl included. If the Rose Bowl would get involved, it would be an ideal setup and would probably satisfy a lot of people who are interested in some kind of tournament or format like that."

"If the Pac-10 and Big Ten [champions] wanted to be part of the Alliance, I believe people would welcome them with open arms," Tranghese said. Until then, the playoff debate will rage.

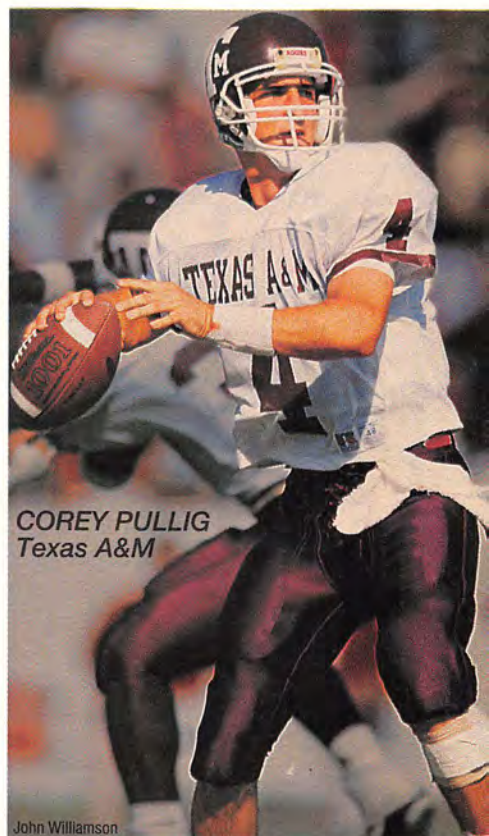
Nobody knows the frustrations of being No. 2 on New Year's Day and not being able to play No. 1 in a national championship game better than Paterno. He has led five Penn State teams to undefeated seasons, but he has seen just one of those named national champs. That was 1986, when his No. 2 Nittany Lions upset No. 1 Miami, 14-10, in the Fiesta Bowl.



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"The Rose Bowl was really a tremendous experience, and our fans had a great time," said Paterno, whose one-loss 1982 team also won a national title. "Obviously, it would help the Bowl Alliance if the Rose Bowl would join in, but we are the new kids on the block and I'm not going to tell the Pac-10 and Big Ten what's best for them."

Paterno treasures his Rose Bowl memories. And even if the Alliance could guarantee No. 1 meets No. 2 every New Year's, he would still favor a playoff. "I would like to see a legitimate playoff at the end of the bowl games," he said.

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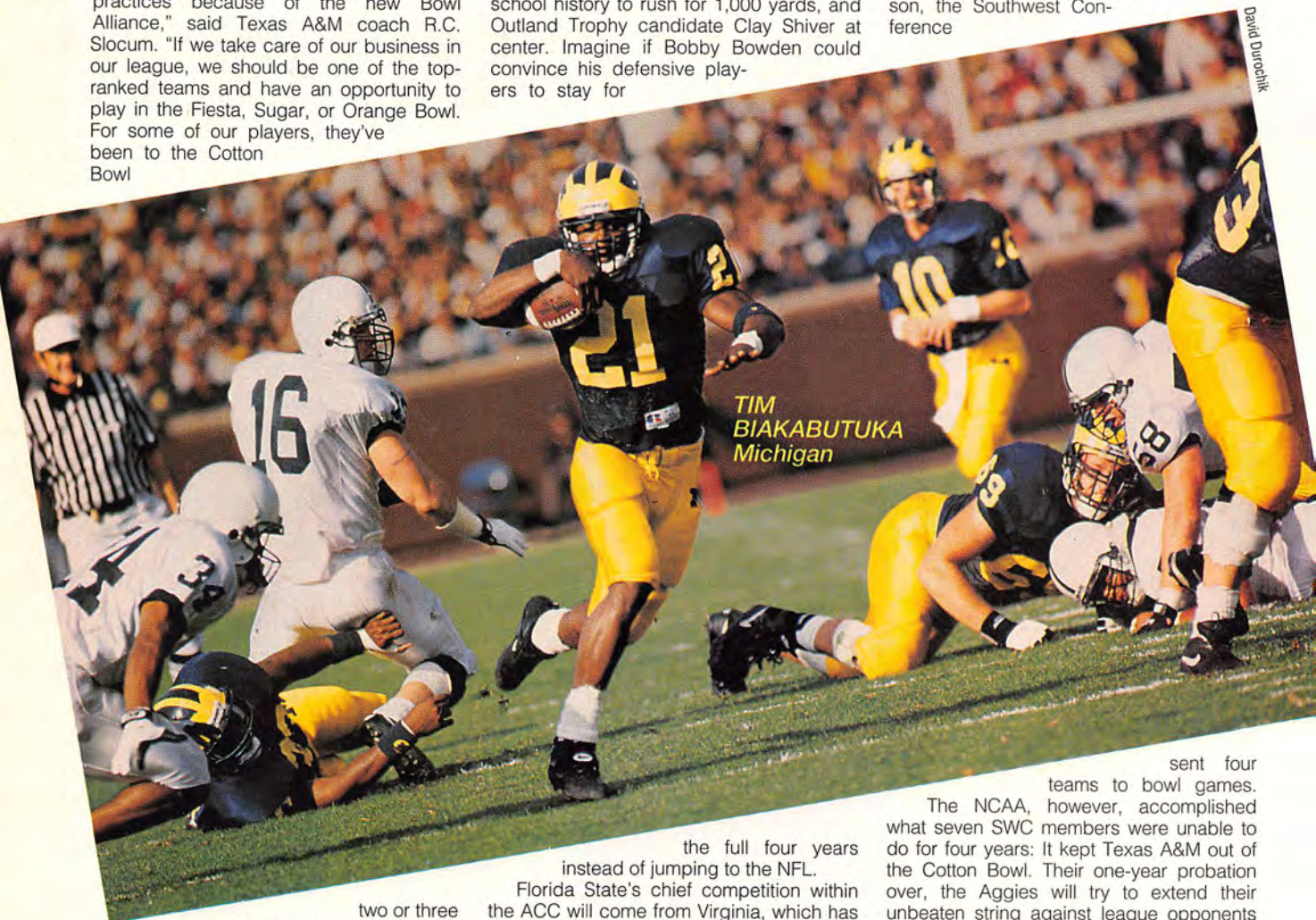


Players want the best possible system, too. "When I see the national championship being decided by people who had nothing to do with it, that's when I have a problem," Penn State quarterback Kerry Collins said before the Rose Bowl last season. "If there's a national championship, it should be decided on the field."

Though the Bowl Alliance remains imperfect, it casts a whole new feeling over the postseason landscape. "It felt like there was a little more excitement to our spring practices because of the new Bowl Alliance," said Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "If we take care of our business in our league, we should be one of the top-ranked teams and have an opportunity to play in the Fiesta, Sugar, or Orange Bowl. For some of our players, they've been to the Cotton Bowl

the first team to finish in the top five nationally for eight consecutive years. Since they joined the ACC in 1992, they have won three titles and rolled to a 24-0 conference record. Last fall they ranked first in the ACC in both total and total defense, scoring offense and scoring defense, passing offense and passing defense, first downs, and third-down efficiency. Are we leaving anything out? All-ACC quarterback Danny Kanell returns, as does tailback Warrick Dunn, who became just the fifth player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards, and Outland Trophy candidate Clay Shiver at center. Imagine if Bobby Bowden could convince his defensive players to stay for

than enough to hold off challenges from league rivals Colorado, whose new coach, Rick Neuheisel, suffered heavy losses to graduation; Oklahoma, whose new coach, Howard Schnellenberger, inherits a talented but underachieving senior team that lacks a proven quarterback; and Kansas State, which continues to improve under Bill Snyder. Look for the Cornhuskers to gain their fifth straight league title in what will be the Big Eight's farewell season before it becomes the Big 12 in 1996. Last season, the Southwest Conference



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two or three times. The experience and hospitality were great, but a lot of our players are from Texas and they would like to experience another bowl game."

WHO'S NUMBER 1?

There are lots of talented teams eager to test out the Bowl Alliance's new system. If Street & Smith's preseason poll holds true, then Nebraska will defend its national championship on the playing field of the Fiesta Bowl rather than in the minds of the voters. The Cornhuskers, No. 2 on our chart heading into the fall, would play top-ranked Florida State, representing the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Seminoles should have a smoother path to the game. Last season they were

the full four years instead of jumping to the NFL.

Florida State's chief competition within the ACC will come from Virginia, which has seen great prosperity under coach George Welsh, scoring over 300 points for an unprecedented sixth year in a row. Among the 17 returning starters are quarterback Mike Groh, the league leader in passing efficiency, and Pete Allen, No. 2 in receiving. If their offense should inexplicably falter, the Cavaliers can rely on the nation's top-ranked rushing defense (32 sacks and 27 interceptions) to pick them up.

Tom Osborne must retool his lines at Nebraska but he welcomes back Tommie Frazier, perhaps the nation's best option quarterback, plus Brook Berringer, probably the second-best QB in the Big Eight, along with tailback Lawrence Phillips, the No. 1 returning rusher in the country, and an outstanding secondary. It should be more

sent four teams to bowl games.

The NCAA, however, accomplished what seven SWC members were unable to do for four years: It kept Texas A&M out of the Cotton Bowl. Their one-year probation over, the Aggies will try to extend their unbeaten string against league opponents to five years and capture the final SWC title. The conference will disband at the end of the '95 season as Texas A&M, Texas, Texas Tech, and Baylor join the Big 12; Rice, Southern Methodist, and Texas Christian join the Western Athletic Conference; and Houston competes in the new Conference USA.

Texas A&M features running back Leland McElroy, one of the most electrifying players in the game. He's also one of the best-kept secrets outside the Southwest, because McElroy has yet to make his first start, having been a backup to Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas the past two years. Nevertheless, McElroy has already established a career kickoff-return average of 42 yards. Some scouts have predicted that he will be the first pick in next spring's NFL draft.

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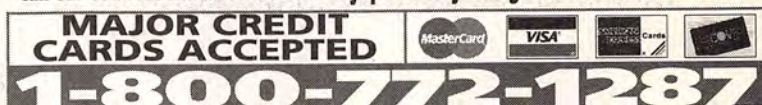
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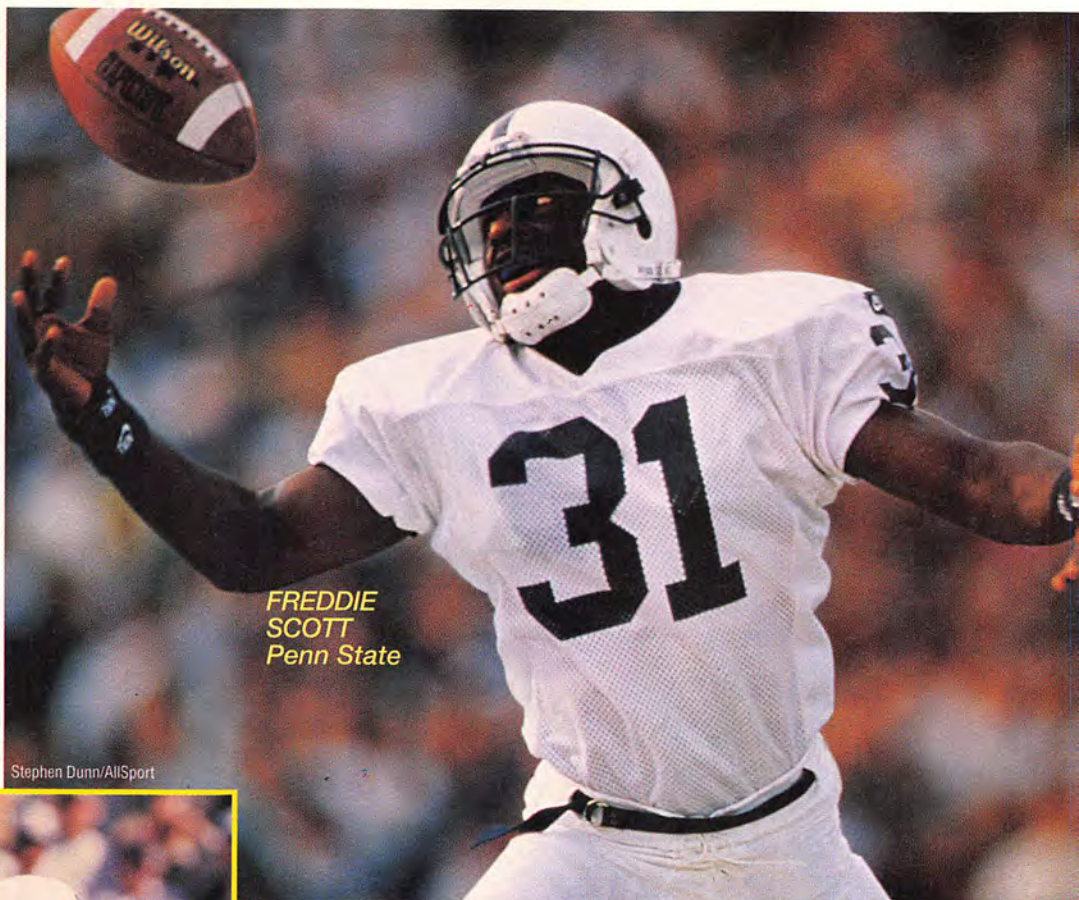
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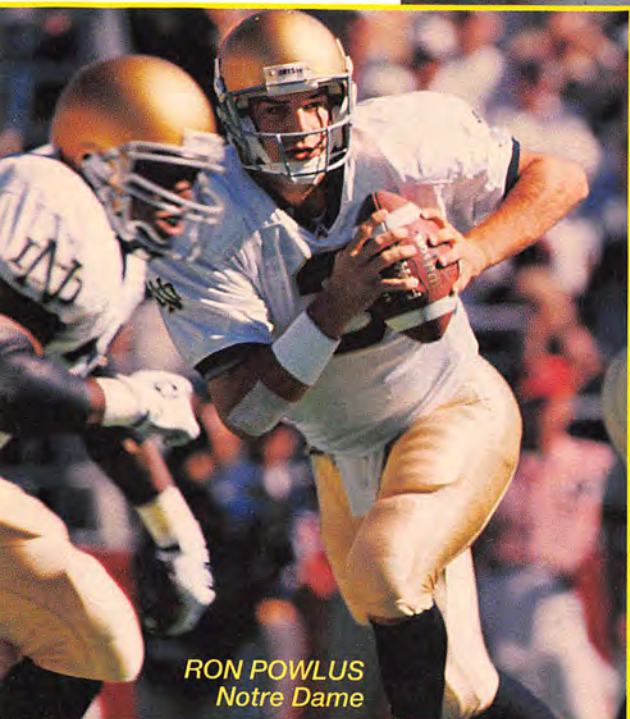
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Like the Big Eight and the Southwest Conference, the Western Athletic Conference will bear little resemblance to its old self a year from now. In addition to the three SWC schools, the WAC will admit Tulsa, UNLV, and San Jose State in 1996. The league is coming off its best season in 1994, for its members went 25-14-1 against nonconference foes, and that included victories over Notre Dame, Arizona, Oregon, and Oklahoma, and placed two teams (Utah and Brigham Young) in the final top 10 rankings for the very first time. In addition, Colorado State finished at No. 14, giving the WAC three teams in the top 20, another first. Look for Colorado State, with 13 returning starters and the league's premier defense, to defend its title.



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a trip to Pasadena, after which their coach, Rich Brooks jumped to the NFL with the St. Louis Rams.

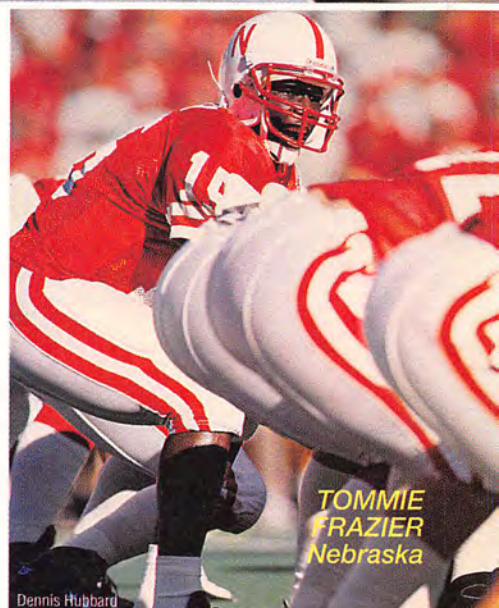
Penn State gave Oregon a New Year's Day hangover with a 38-20 victory in the Rose Bowl. That capped an almost perfect season for the Nittany Lions, who finished 12-0 but were voted No. 2 in the final polls. Running back Ki-Jana Carter, quarterback Kerry Collins, and tight end Kyle Brady were among the first nine picks in the NFL draft, so Penn State won't be nearly so explosive this fall. Still, Joe Paterno has enough to remain atop the Big Ten, whose leading contenders, Michigan and Ohio State, play at Penn State this time.

Al Messerschmidt

One year after being dethroned by West Virginia,

Miami recaptured the Big East crown. The Hurricanes finished sixth in the final polls after they lost to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. Shortly after that they lost defensive tackle Warren Sapp, running back James Stewart, and head coach Dennis Erickson to the NFL. But new coach Butch Davis inherited 12 returning starters, plus quarterback Ryan Collins, and Miami remains the team to beat in the Big East.

Miami will have more of a battle for bragging rights within the state with Florida State and Florida. The winner there could very well emerge again as national



**TOMMIE
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Dennis Hubbard

Elsewhere in the West, it will seem like old times again in the Pac-10, where cross-town and long-time rivals Southern Cal and UCLA will battle for the conference title and automatic Rose Bowl berth. Trojans coach John Robinson may be on the verge of something big. His '94 team finished tied for second with Arizona, but closed with a rush, demolishing Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl. UCLA was not so successful last fall, but the Bruins also concluded the season on an up note, with three victories, including a fourth straight over Southern Cal. Oregon won eight of its final nine to earn the Ducks

champion. The Seminoles, as noted, are loaded. The Gators, meanwhile, two-time defending Southeastern Conference champions, face a challenge in the East Division from Tennessee for the right to play in the fourth SEC title game. Their opponent in each of the three previous years has been Alabama, which must first deal with Auburn, all dressed up with 20 victories in the past two seasons and nowhere to go. Off probation, the Tigers are ready to roar. They host Alabama and Florida as they try to take center stage in the new bowl picture. □

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Players who can shed would-be blockers at the line of scrimmage give their teams a rush.

As passing attacks grow more sophisticated, coaches are devising their most effective answer: attacking defenses led by premier pass rushers.

Late last October, when Georgia met Florida in their annual border war, the Dawgs had just one chance to upset the Gators, and that was if Eric Zeier, their admirable quarterback, had one of his magical passing games. Zeier was up to the occasion. He summoned the true grit which made him a legend Between the Hedges, challenged the odds, and passed the ball as precisely as a college quarterback can throw it into the teeth of a tornado. What wiped out any possibility of a Georgia upset was Florida's answer: about as fierce a pass rush, led by Kevin Carter and Ellis Johnson, as Zeier saw in four years as a starter.

Zeier is in the pros, and so are Carter and Johnson, yet there will be similar scenarios this season. When Florida State's Danny Kanell drops back into the passing

pocket, he'll have to contend with challenges from pass rushers like Marcus Jones of North Carolina. Jake Plummer of Arizona State will be pursued by the likes of UCLA's Donnie Edwards and Arizona's Tedy Bruschi. Corey Pullig of Texas A&M will be reintroduced to Cedric Jones of Oklahoma.

HOT PROPERTIES

Pass rushers are the hottest properties in college football. Denny Marcin of Illinois has known that for a long time. For more than 15 seasons he coordinated defenses that ran the bloodthirsty gamut from a unit led by Lawrence Taylor at North Carolina to the current bunch of Fighting Illini featuring Simeon Rice. The first thing that an effective pass rush needs, says Marcin, are pass rushers.

"I mean it," he said. "You must have that special talent to succeed. A lot more goes into it, of course. You have to chart every quarterback you play to get an idea what you're going against. When Jeff George played for us at Illinois, he was a scrambling quarterback who scrambled in order to pass. George ran past the line of scrimmage just once in two seasons. Last sea-

son we played a quarterback who ran the ball on 11 of 12 scrambles when we broke down films of his previous game. You have to know what to expect."

Charting tendencies, breaking down film into minute segments, and precision scouting are all part of it, but the essential element of pass rushing is fairly primitive, Marcin explained. "At North Carolina, Lawrence Taylor didn't do all the things we coached him to do, so we put him up on the line of scrimmage and left him there with instructions, 'You go after the quarterback.' L.T. followed the instructions to the letter. "What coaches have to remember when they have players like Taylor and Rice is that they shouldn't try to make robots out of them," added Marcin.

TEDY BRUSCHI Arizona

Making a robot out of Tedy Bruschi was the last aim of Dick Tomey, the defensive-minded head coach of the University of Arizona. "He's possessed" is Tomey's appraisal of the Wildcats' sack artist. In his 36 career games for Arizona, Bruschi has averaged more than a sack per game (37.5). He has had at least one sack in 22 of his last 24 games, which included a streak of 15 straight before it was broken by Oregon State. Bruschi closed last sea-

son with three sacks against Utah in the Freedom Bowl.

Bruschi, 6-1 and 253, was relatively small when he came out of high school in Roseville, California. Only three Division I-A schools recruited him: Washington State, Brigham Young, and Arizona. BYU wanted to make him a linebacker, something that immediately turned off Bruschi, who says "I'm a D-lineman all the way."

Tomey is accustomed to coaching overachievers and saw something special in Bruschi. "The first day of practice he impressed me more than any first-year player I have ever seen," said the coach. "He also adjusted to college football faster than anyone I'd ever seen. It was his quickness and youthful exuberance, his fire and his temperament. He was a special player because of his desire to play at full speed."

If there were ever any doubts about Tomey's appraisal, they should have begun to evaporate after the University of Miami's first offensive series in the Fiesta Bowl at the close of Bruschi's sophomore season. Arizona's defense stuffed the Hurricanes on their first two plays and Miami was confronted by a third-and-25 at their own 25. Quarterback Ryan Collins took the snap in the shotgun formation, and almost as

said Bruschi, despite his spectacular statistics. "It's not important to me that the sack is mine, as long as I do my job." As much as he is a quarterback sacker, Bruschi's overall role is that of a disrupter. Tomey makes maximum use of that fiery and relentless temperament by not inhibiting Bruschi, who has 54.5 career tackles for losses totaling 356 yards.

Nevertheless, opponents are always conscious of Bruschi. Steve Stenstrom, Stanford's wily quarterback, suffered especially at Bruschi's hands. "I always looked to see where No. 68 was," said Stenstrom. "You noticed him a lot, and he was always around the ball."

"I try not to look at who the quarterback is," says Bruschi. "The battle is offensive line against defensive line, that's the real collision. I like to visualize sacking the quarterback each week, whoever he is. Visualization is something I learned from my mother. I do it when I'm relaxed. It's not something I get real fanatic over. I don't meditate a long time or anything. I just picture game situations."

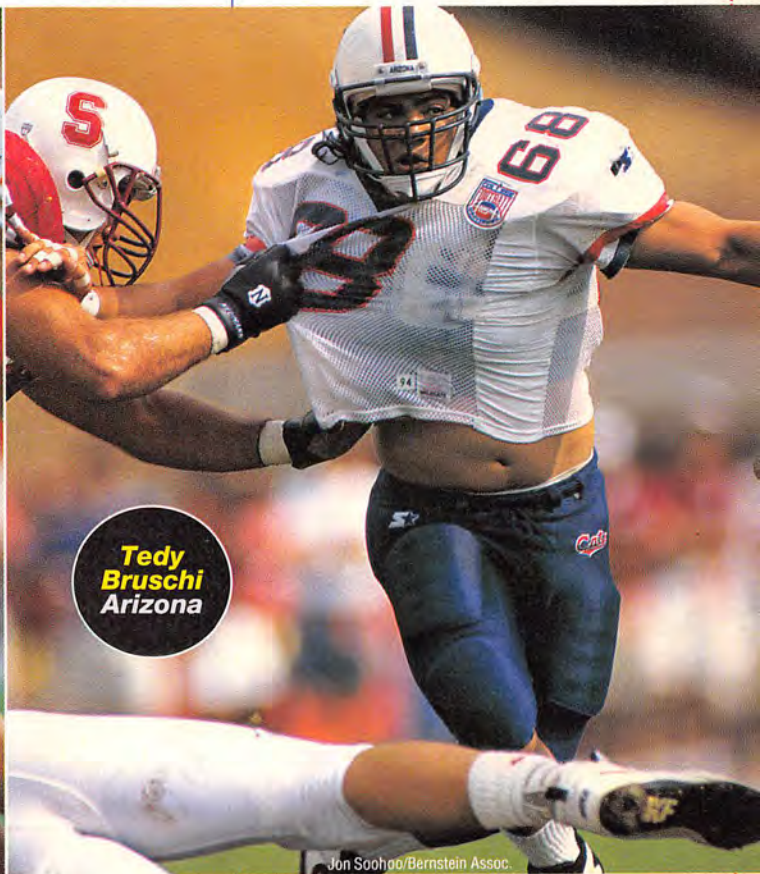
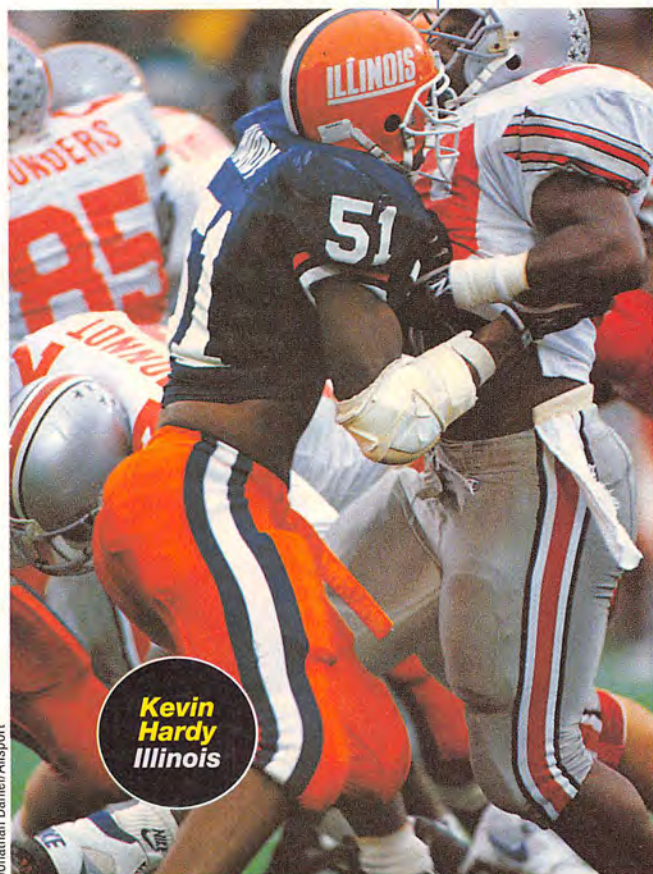
SIMEON RICE & KEVIN HARDY **Illinois**

If Bruschi doesn't have much to prove in 1995, other than he is relentless on a con-

What drives Rice are some gaps in his record. In last season's opener against Washington State, he had five sacks. In the Liberty Bowl game against East Carolina, a running team, he had 10 tackles. He is Illinois' all-time sack leader (33) and second on the Big Ten's career list. His 16 sacks in 1994 were second in the nation. In the Liberty Bowl, Rice twice was the lone defender containing both the quarterback and the running back in East Carolina's option offense, and both times held the Pirates to minimum gains. "I've seen two guys play the option like that," said Marcin. "Simeon and Lawrence Taylor."

What Rice remembers, however, is the Penn State game, when he was shut out in an exciting, 35-31 loss. Zip. Nada. Not even one tackle, much less a sack. He also remembers the Minnesota game, when he had just two tackles, and a couple of other games when he did not live up to his reputation.

Lou Tepper, the Illini head coach, thinks that reputation is well-earned. "Rice should be the strongest defensive candidate for the Heisman Trophy since Hugh Green," says Tepper. Pitt's Green, a rush linebacker like Rice, was the runner-up to running back George Rogers of South Carolina in 1980. Tepper makes another intriguing observation about the talent at Illinois,



quickly as the ball arrived, so did the Wildcat pursuit. Collins began scrambling. Bruschi took an angle on him and sacked him for a 16-yard loss. Ironically, that was the only statistical line for Bruschi all day. Yet it was the tone-setter in Arizona's shocking, 29-0 victory.

"The one thing I'm not, is a stat hound,"

sistent basis, Simeon Rice of Illinois passed up the NFL draft to return for his final season of college eligibility because he is a driven man. At the time of his decision, Rice was projected to be drafted among the first 10 players in April after being selected the Big Ten Lineman of the Year by the conference coaches.

which has been eclipsing Penn State as "Linebacker U." Rice and Kevin Hardy, according to Tepper, "are the best pair of outside linebackers in the nation."

That is another aspect of Rice's chances to outdo himself and thrust Illinois further into the Big Ten championship battle. Hardy, also projected to be

a first-round draft choice in the NFL, rejected the pros in order to return for his senior year. He is considered the "drop linebacker" and is the most underrated of all the linebacker stars the Illini have had in recent years. His fumble-causing tackle saved a victory over Minnesota last year, and he came up big in the big games, with 11 tackles against Michigan, 10 against Wisconsin, and nine against Ohio State. "If Hardy were used at Rice's position," said Marcin, "he would be just as effective a pass rusher." That is something for Illini opponents to ponder when they consider blocking schemes for the 6-5, 243-pound Rice and the 6-4, 239-pound Hardy.

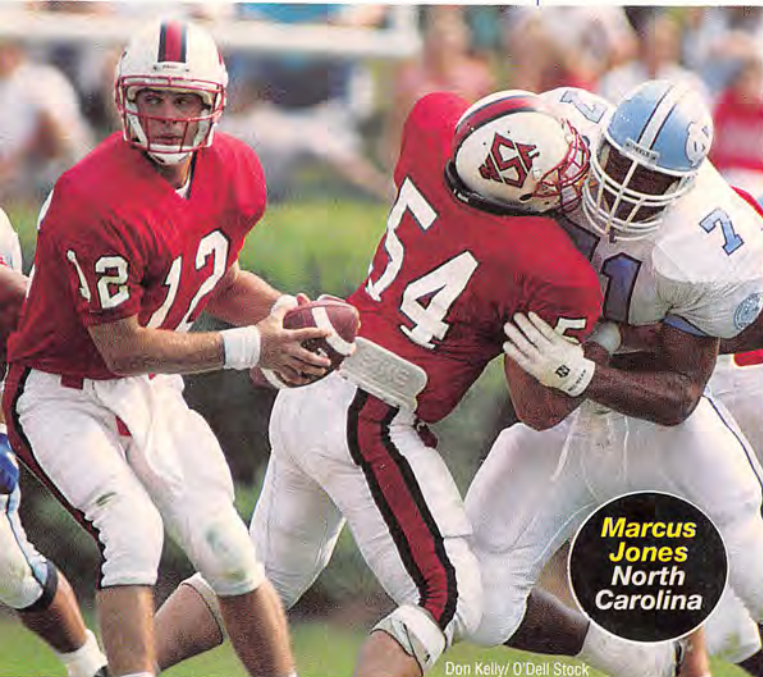
Jones during their intra-state rivalries, explained why: "He has that NFL body. When he gets his hands up, he's eight or nine feet tall. If you get him blocked, he can still knock down a pass."

LANCE JOHNSTONE Temple

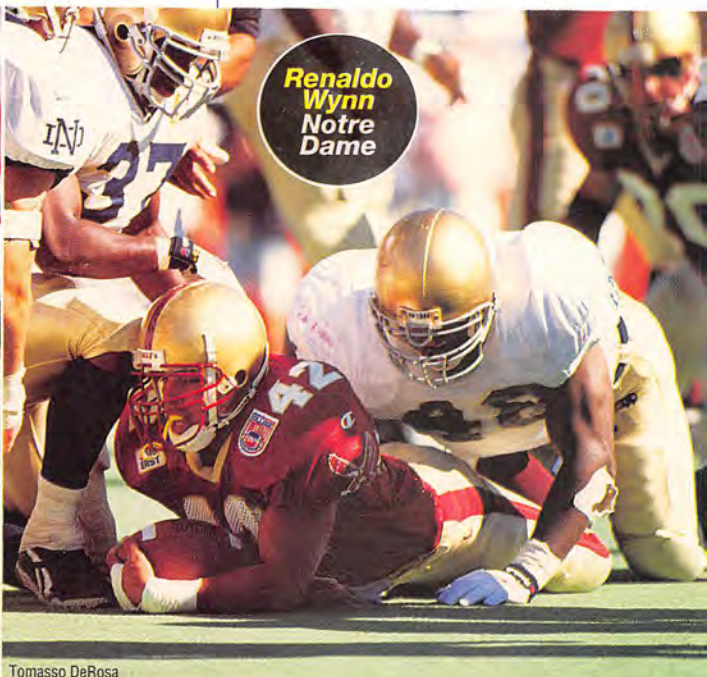
Lance Johnstone is not the back-flip type. Playing for Temple tends to make a serious football player downright sober-minded, sometimes even cranky. There was a game against Army last year when the Owls were in a goal-line defense. Sophomore safety Corey Green had stationed himself on the wrong side of the field. Johnstone yelled for a timeout, walked over to Green, and—POW!—slapped him on the side of the hel-

college coaches and pro scouts. As it turned out, he was ready. So were other juniors, such as Warren Sapp of Miami, Shannon Clavelle of Colorado, Derrick Alexander of Florida State, and Hugh Douglas of Central State. There are always jobs for players with those kinds of skills.

In the end, Johnstone opted to stay at Temple, partially out of stubbornness. He is accustomed to hard times on the football field. His high school team in Germantown, Pennsylvania, was 1-9 when he was a freshman, then 0-10, 5-5, and finally 9-1 in his senior season. He had no illusions about Temple football. His dad, Isaac, is a security guard at the university and Lance had been attending Temple games for



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MARCUS JONES North Carolina

What North Carolina opponents ponder is how to handle a 6-6, 278-pound defensive lineman who can do a back flip. That's Marcus Jones. "He's as fine an athlete as I've ever been around," says Carl Torbush, the Tar Heels' defensive coordinator. "We expect a lot out of him, maybe too much, because of the way he looks."

The NFL has noticed. Gil Brandt, former chief scout for the Dallas Cowboys who now runs the league's new on-line draft program, says, "If you had to chisel the picture-perfect defensive lineman, you'd have Marcus Jones."

The perfect picture is not a still life, however. As a sophomore, when the Tar Heels rotated defensive linemen, Jones recorded 8.5 sacks, the highest number for a North Carolina player since William Fuller in 1981. Fuller long has been one of the NFL's most effective pass rushers.

Jones's early success led Mack Brown, the Tar Heels' head coach, to change his position. "We moved him outside from tackle so that teams couldn't double team him as much," explained Brown. Now opponents avoid him. North Carolina State tackle Chris Hennie-Roed, who matched up with

met. Seasons in which your team wins one game, or two games, or once in Johnstone's time at Temple, not even one game, can grind on a man who hates losing. "I don't even remember what I said," says Johnstone. "That was almost like a reflex."

Johnstone, the team captain as a junior, gave some serious thought to leaving school early for the pros last winter. There were enough legitimate reasons to follow that path. He was being worn down by a tough schedule and little help. The Owls played a top-25 opponent on four consecutive Saturdays last season. Besides, only gilt-edged quarterbacks have become more desirable in the NFL than players who can shed would-be blockers at the line of scrimmage and, in one step, might have their breath steaming through the passer's face mask.

When the pros held their annual meat market in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis last winter, it was a pass rusher, Mike Mamula of Boston College, who broke the bank. None of the almost 200 prospects zoomed up the scouts' charts faster than Mamula, who recorded 24 sacks in his sophomore and junior years. Mamula left school a year early, against the advice of

years. He might have been disappointed in the results of his first three seasons, but he wasn't surprised.

Still, Johnstone is an optimist. "I finally realized that I couldn't run away," he explained after he made his decision to come back for his senior year. The Owls won two of their first three games in 1994, then didn't win again when the tougher part of their schedule confronted them. Yet, they made Boston College sweat late in the year and outright terrorized Syracuse. With quarterback Henry Burris back, and coach Ron Dickerson in his second season, Johnstone thinks the sun might come out tomorrow for Temple. None of his teammates is advised to line up on the wrong side of the field with him back.

CEDRIC JONES Oklahoma

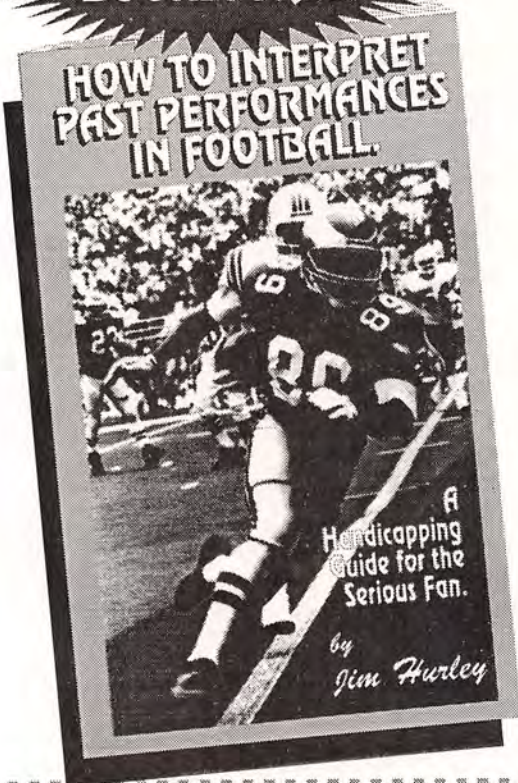
There is a new era dawning at the University of Oklahoma under a famed new coach, Howard Schnellenberger, and defensive end Cedric Jones is likely to be a major part of its introduction. Just ask Texas Tech how dominating the 6-4, 288-pound Jones, a man with 4.7 speed, can be.

When the teams played at Norman last September, Jones made it a personal cru-

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sade to keep the Red Raiders out of the Sooner end zone. It wasn't merely the five sacks Jones recorded, tying the Southwest Conference record, and his overall total of 10 tackles in a 17-11 victory. It was the location of his sacks which were most important. On second-and-10, with Tech driving on the Oklahoma 35 midway in the second quarter, Jones broke through the blocking to sack Tony Darden. Late in the half Tech was on the Oklahoma 13, facing a second-and-10. Zebbie Lethridge attempted to scramble away from Jones, but the big guy ran Lethridge down for a five-yard loss and Tech had to settle for a field goal. In the third quarter, Tech drove to the Sooner 22, but Jones contributed his fourth sack and the Raiders eventually had to punt. His finale came in the last minute when he dropped Lethridge once again for a five-yard loss.

a sack, he strikes a pose that his little sister calls his "Bruce Lee stance" and (2) His favorite NFL player is linebacker Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, who is almost entirely about rushing the passer.

Edwards is also a sack artist. He had 12.5 last year, just .5 off the school record set by Carnell Lake, now a Pro Bowl safety for the Pittsburgh Steelers. But Edwards is about a great many things as well, including covering pass receivers, for which he has the required speed and athleticism.

Consider some of Edwards's feats in '94. In an important game against Arizona, he made six tackles for losses, including three sacks. One of those tackles caused a fumble and another stalled a Wildcat drive on the UCLA 8-yard line. In the season opener, he made the game-saving interception against Tennessee. Against California, he had 10 tackles, including

tie against USC, and the galling defeats by Florida State, Boston College, and Brigham Young in the second half of the season, will come roaring back. If there is a roar, pass rushers Bert Berry and Renaldo Wynn should generate a share of it.

Berry knows about frustration. He was the Irish linebacker who seemed to have Michigan quarterback Todd Collins tackled for a loss to preserve victory late in the final quarter. Yet Collins, built like a tight end and very strong, pulled away from Berry and completed the pass to Seth Smith that set up the winning field goal. In the three games following the loss to Michigan, Berry recorded five sacks, including two of Michigan State quarterback Tony Banks in the second half to end Spartan drives.

"I guess in some ways it has driven me



Simeon Rice
Illinois

Jonathan Daniel/Allsport

After Jones faced Blake Brockermeyer of Texas in the rivals' annual confrontation in the Cotton Bowl, Brockermeyer, one of the nation's best offensive tackles, said of Jones, "He's pretty nasty. He's definitely the best player on their team, the best I've gone against since Sam Adams of Texas A&M." (The Seattle Seahawks made Adams the eighth pick of the 1994 NFL draft.)

Everyone remembers the sacks, but Jones concentrates on the whole package. "As a defensive lineman you don't get the glory by making the play every time," he says. "If you control your block, free up somebody else and the defense is dominating, then you're helping your team be successful. Say somebody got two or three sacks a game. What did he do the other plays? He probably did some other things to put the defense in a bad situation."

Jones talked Schnellenberger's language before they even met.

DONNIE EDWARDS UCLA

Two things not to remember vividly about UCLA linebacker Donnie Edwards: (1) After

the sack that ended quarterback Dave Barr's season. Against Washington State, he made 14 primary stops. Then, in the season climax, the annual neighborhood siege against USC, his role was not to rush the quarterback but to cover the Trojans' tight ends. He held them without a reception.

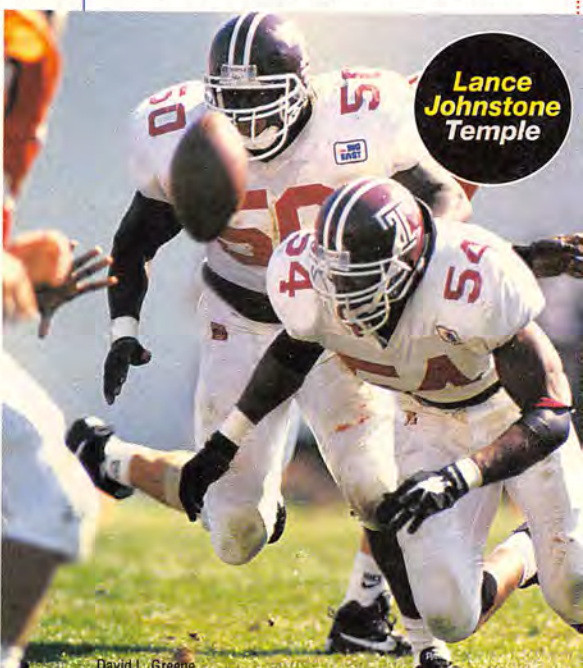
Bob Field, the UCLA defensive coordinator, says it is no coincidence that Edwards is on the scene for so many big plays. "He's instinctive. He has a feel for the game and he can just sense what to anticipate and how to react to a play. The other thing is that he has acceleration. His speed enables him to make plays on which others would come up a half step short."

The lean-appearing, 6-3 1/2, 216-pounder also

has a couple of other things going for him. A good student in high school, he used to hide his grades because it "wasn't cool to be smart back there," but now when he makes the Director's Honor Role in political science, it's out in the open. The other thing is consistency of effort, no matter what. In 1991, during his redshirt freshman year, he practiced with the scout team, those anonymous kids who serve as human blocking dummies for the varsity. At the end of the season, Edwards won the Pike Memorial Award as scout team Player of the Year.

BERT BERRY & RENALDO WYNN Notre Dame

Last season, Notre Dame gave up 20 or more points in nine games, including the Fiesta Bowl embarrassment against Colorado. Never in Lou Holtz's nine years under the Golden Dome had that happened. It was the principal damning evidence in a disappointing, 6-5-1 season. The expectation is that the Irish, motivated by the bowl loss, the season-ending



Lance Johnstone
Temple

to do a better job of tackling the quarterback when I do get a grasp on him," says Berry. "I try to make sure I grab his arms so he doesn't get a chance to throw the ball the way Todd Collins did."

Berry has been timed in 4.5 for the 40, spectacular for a 228-pound linebacker. If Wynn continues to be the victor in his personal battle vs. pizza, Notre Dame will have two of the quickest linebackers in college football descending upon the quarterback. It won't be easy. Wynn had three sacks as a freshman, but he was switched to defensive end after the third game of the season because he had ballooned from 338 pounds to 265. He had discovered the pizza parlors of South Bend. Under the supervision of Jerry Schmidt, the Notre Dame strength coach, Wynn peeled off the excess weight. There were no snacks of anything, much less pizza, after 7 P.M. "I couldn't think of anything but food once I got to bed," admits Wynn.

Now Holtz wants him hungering for opposing quarterbacks. □

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Street & Smith's All-America Team

by JIM CARLEY



RON POWLUS
Notre Dame

DERRICK MAYES
Notre Dame

Last season was a banner year for quarterbacks and running backs in college football, and plenty of both either used up their eligibility or came out early for the NFL draft. While that appears to have seriously depleted the quarterback reservoir of talent this year, it hasn't seemed to hurt the group of running backs who lead the 1995 Street & Smith's All-America team. At least a couple of those running backs could end up being the equal of Penn State's Ki-Jana Carter and Colorado's Rashaan Salaam, two stars of 1994 who surrendered their senior year for the NFL.

Junior Achievers

Replacing them this season are two juniors: Texas A&M's Leeland McElroy and Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips. McElroy was a consensus All-America a year ago as a kick-returner, averaging 50.2 yards on only six returns as most teams wisely kicked away from him. For his career, McElroy has averaged 42.4 yards on 21 kickoff returns. If he maintains that pace, he will break the NCAA record (36.2 yards) set by San Francisco's Forrest Hall in 1946-47. McElroy does plenty more than return kicks, though.

The 5-11, 200-pounder rushed for 707 yards and a team-high 8.2 yards per carry last fall in which he again took a back seat to starter Rodney Thomas. The year before, McElroy was actually No. 3 behind Thomas and All-America Greg Hill, yet McElroy (with 613 yards) led the team in average that season as well (8.5). This year, with Thomas and Hill gone, it's all up to McElroy.

"I love playing running back," McElroy said. "I made all these All-America teams last year as a kick returner, which is fine. But now I want to make a name for myself as a running back. When I came out of high school, it was kind of hard to put myself on the back burner the first two years. I knew what kind of running backs they had here, but I still wished I could start. It's only natural to want that. Now it's my time and I want to make the best of it."

"This will be my 23rd year at Texas A&M," said R.C. Slocum, who holds the top winning percentage (.822) among active coaches with at least five years in Division I-A. "And we've had a long line of outstanding running backs. But Leeland McElroy is the first legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate we've had in that time. He has a rare combination of

FIRST TEAM

Offense

QB..Tommie Frazier..SR..Nebraska
RB..Leeland McElroy..JR..Texas A&M
RB..Lawrence Phillips..JR..Nebraska
WR..Keyshawn Johnson..SR..Southern Cal
WR..Kevin Jordan..SR..UCLA
TE..Marco Battaglia..SR..Rutgers
OL..Jason Odom..SR..Florida
OL..Jonathan Ogden..SR..UCLA
OL..Bryan Stoltzberg..SR..Colorado
OL..Clay Shiver..SR..Florida State
OL..Jeff Hartings..SR..Penn State
PK..Remy Hamilton..JR..Michigan
KR..Eric Moulds..SR..Mississippi State

Defense

DL..Tedy Bruschi..SR..Arizona
DL..Cedric Jones..JR..Oklahoma
DL..Brandon Mitchell..JR..Texas A&M
LB..Simeon Rice..SR..Illinois
LB..Zach Thomas..SR..Texas Tech
LB..Donnie Edwards..SR..UCLA
DB..Lawyer Milloy..JR..Washington
DB..Greg Myers..SR..Colorado State
DB..Aaron Beasley..SR..West Virginia
DB..Demetrice Martin..SR..Michigan State
P..Brad Maynard..JR..Ball State



David Durocik

doesn't count the 83-yarder McElroy took back to the 1-yard line against Texas last year. McElroy almost went to UCLA, where his oldest brother, Lee Jr. (among a family of 11 brothers and sisters), played football. But his mother wanted him to stay close to home (Beaumont, TX).

Another in a long line of great Nebraska I-backs, Phillips could follow in the footsteps of Johnny Rodgers (1972) and Mike Rozier (1983) and give the Cornhuskers their third Heisman winner. He finished eighth in the voting last fall to fellow Big Eight runner Rashaan Salaam of Colorado and third in the country in rushing (1,722 yards), with a school-record 11 straight 100-yard games, including 221 against Oklahoma State. A unanimous all-Big Eight pick, Phillips set school and conference sophomore rushing records. He also was second on the team with 22 catches for 172 yards and averaged 8.0 points per game, 13th nationally. Phillips topped off the year by running for a game-high 96 yards in the Orange Bowl as the Huskers wrapped up their first national title since 1971.

Joining Phillips in Street & Smith's All-America backfield is his teammate Tommie Frazier. The two could give the Huskers back-to-back titles. Frazier is the headliner in a slim class of standout quarterbacks, the position hardest hit by graduation in the spring. The top junior last season was BYU's John Walsh, but he opted for the NFL draft. Few returning quarterbacks distinguished themselves last fall. Frazier

quarter, come-from-behind touchdowns and a two-point conversion to spark a 24-17 victory over Miami. That garnered him his second straight Orange Bowl MVP as well. Frazier has hit 140 of 306 passes for 2,159 yards and 26 touchdowns and has rushed for another 1,351 yards and 22 TDs in his career. A dangerous option quarterback, he has averaged 5.0 yards per carry.

Cross-Town Rivals

The top two receivers in the country likely will be playing in the same city, Los Angeles. Southern Cal's Keyshawn Johnson and cross-town rival Kevin Jordan of UCLA are difficult to separate in terms of talent. Jordan finished sixth in the country last year with a school-record 73 catches for 1,228 yards and seven TDs. He's already in third place on the Bruins' career list with 136 receptions, needing just 19 to overtake J.J. Stokes for the top spot. Jordan enters this season working on a string of 25 games in which he has had at least two catches per game. The only question about him is his right knee, which underwent surgery to repair a torn ligament at the end of last year. School officials say he will be completely recovered for the season opener.

Johnson had 58 catches last fall and was second in the nation with an average of 114 receiving yards per game, then caught 8 passes for 22 yards against Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl. A former USC ballboy as a youngster, Johnson had nine 100-yard games last season, including the last



Tommie Frazier
Nebraska

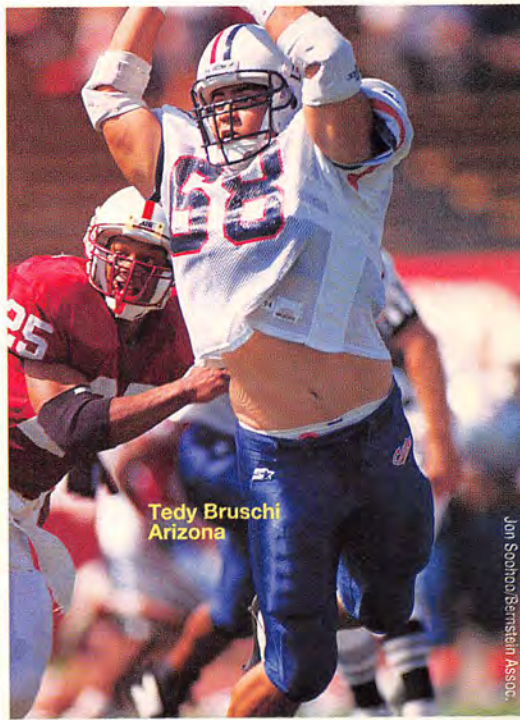
James D. Smith

strength, speed, and elusiveness. Leeland is a threat to go the distance every time he touches the ball."

McElroy has gone that distance four times on kick returns alone, including a 100-yarder against Southern Mississippi last season. That leaves him just two short of the NCAA record set by USC's Anthony Davis (1972-74). And that, of course,

would have had he not suffered the now infamous blood clots behind his right knee that ended his regular season and threatened to end his career after four games. With 10 touchdowns, Frazier was attracting plenty of attention.

He didn't play again until the Orange Bowl, when he took up right where he left off. Frazier directed Nebraska to two fourth-



Tedy Bruschi
Arizona

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eight in a row (a school mark). Of his 66 catches, 56 went for first downs. "Johnson is as good of a wide receiver as I've been around," veteran USC coach John Robinson said. "We must get him the ball often and in a variety of ways this year. He'll contend for the highest honors."

Our first-team tight end is Rutgers' Marco Battaglia, a rugged 6-3, 240-



Kevin Jordan
UCLA

J.D. Cuban/Allsport

SECOND TEAM Offense

QB..Ron Powlus..JR..Notre Dame
RB..Andre Davis..SR..TCU
RB..Chris Darkins..SR..Minnesota
WR..Bobby Engram..SR..Penn State
WR..Derrick Mayes..SR..Notre Dame
TE..Bill Khayat..SR..Duke
OL..Chris Dishman..JR..Nebraska
OL..Willie Anderson..JR..Auburn
OL..Chris Cooley..SR..Rice
OL..Chris Cooley..SR..Rice
OL..Lewis Tyre..SR..Florida State
OL..Fred Miller..SR..Baylor
PK..Michael Proctor..SR..Alabama
KR..Marcus Wall..SR..North Carolina

Defense

DL..Regan Upshaw..JR..California
DL..Mark Campbell..SR..Florida
DL..Matt Finkes..JR..Ohio State
DL..Kerry Hicks..SR..Colorado
LB..Kevin Hardy..SR..Illinois
LB..Dwayne Curry..JR..Mississippi State
LB..Pete Monty..JR..Wisconsin
DB..Brian Miller..SR..Penn State
DB..Alex Molden..SR..Oregon
DB..Brandon Sanders..SR..Arizona
DB..Carlos Jones..JR..Miami
P..John Stonehouse..SR..Southern Cal

pounder with excellent hands. He had 58 catches for 779 yards and four TDs to lead his team and the Big East in receptions last year. The 58 catches were second in the nation among tight ends (behind Louisville senior Jamie Asher's 70).

On the Line

The O-linemen are led by a pair of O-men: Florida's Jason Odom and UCLA's Jonathan Ogden. Odom won the 1994 Jacobs Trophy, presented by league coaches annually to the top blocker in the Southeastern Conference. The 6-5, 291-pound senior was consensus all-SEC and a second-team All-America a year ago and is a leading contender for the Outland and Lombardi awards this fall. Ogden, another honors candidate, is already being compared to former UCLA All-America Luis Sharpe, Irv Eatman, and Vaughn Parker. A three-time all-Pac-10 choice, the 6-8, 315-pound Ogden allowed only one sack and his man pressured the quarterback just once all season.

Colorado's Bryan Stoltzenberg went Ogden one better last year. In fact, the last two seasons, Stoltzenberg has not allowed a quarterback sack, dating back 1,625 plays to his freshman season. A 6-2, 280-pound senior, Stoltzenberg graded out a sterling 82 percent in blocking last season, had 31 pancake blocks, and 10 downfield blocks.

Coach Bobby Bowden calls Clay Shiver the finest center in Florida State history. A two-time all-ACC choice, Shiver won All-America honors on the Football Writers and Scripps Howard teams last year.

Penn State's Jeff Hartings took first-team All-America on the Associated Press and Walter Camp teams in '94. A two-time all-Big-Ten selection, the 6-3, 278-pound senior guard also was a first-team Academic All-America, with a 3.28 GPA a year ago.

Michigan's Remy Hamilton is the hands-down choice as our place-kicker, since he won All-America honors and was one of five finalists for the Lou Groza Award last year after leading the nation in field-goal kicking. Hamilton hit 25 of 30 field goals and averaged 8.64 points per game. He was 14-of-15 on kicks between 30 and 39 yards.

The kick returner is Mississippi State's Eric Moulds, who actually finished one return short of the necessary 14 to qualify for national statistics. But his average was so high (32.8 yards) that NCAA statisticians declared him the champion based on the fact that if he had had one more return for no gain, he still would have won the title.

On the Defensive

On defense, Arizona end Tedy Bruschi, a consensus All-America, leads the way. Bruschi, pronounced BREW-ski, has had 33 sacks in his last 24 games, including 10 in '94 when teams doubled on him most of the

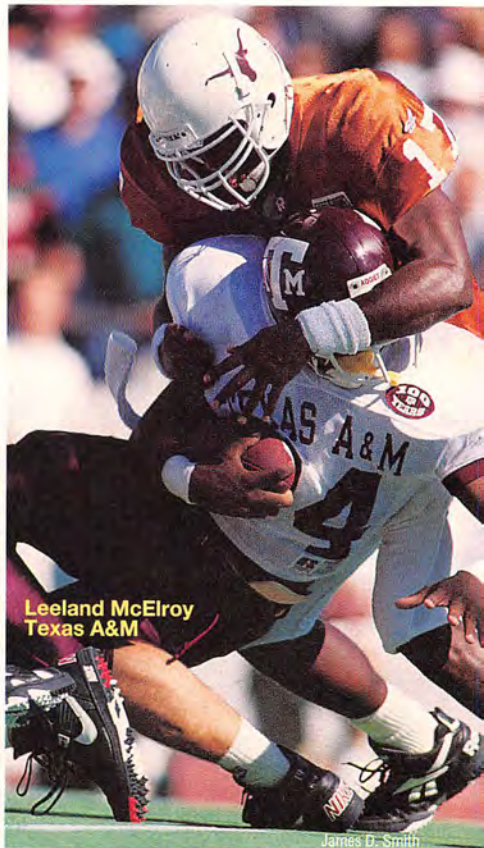
time. A finalist for the Lombardi Award last fall, Bruschi had 15 tackles for losses and punctuated his season with three sacks in the Freedom Bowl against Utah. His 37.5 career sacks have cost opposing teams 293 yards in losses and four times those sacks resulted in fumbles that led to three touchdowns and a field goal.

"Tedy has something special inside of him that makes him a great football player," Arizona coach Dick Tomey said. "I didn't put it there, but I'm damn glad it comes out every game, every snap. He has a motor that won't quit. He is something special."

Another intimidating defensive end, Oklahoma's Cedric Jones, led the Big Eight in sacks and was third in the country with a school-record 14 among his 86 tackles. He tied a Big Eight record when he had five sacks against Texas Tech. Jones is a sacking machine. He registered 30 in 13 games his senior year in high school.

Texas A&M's Brandon Mitchell was the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year on two lists. He had 22 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Baylor coach Chuck Reedy claimed Mitchell "is better than Sam Adams," the former Aggie All-America and '94 first-round NFL draft pick.

Just across the state is University of Texas end Tony Brackens, a 6-4, 240-



Leeland McElroy
Texas A&M

James D. Smith

pound junior who is a two-time all-SWC pick. Brackens led UT in tackles (90), sacks (7), tackles for loss (10), and quarterback pressures (30) last fall. Though he's smallish for a defensive lineman, Brackens bench presses 425 pounds, runs a 4.7 40, and has a 34-inch vertical leap.

The linebacking crew features another of those Illinois cookie-cutter all-stars. This

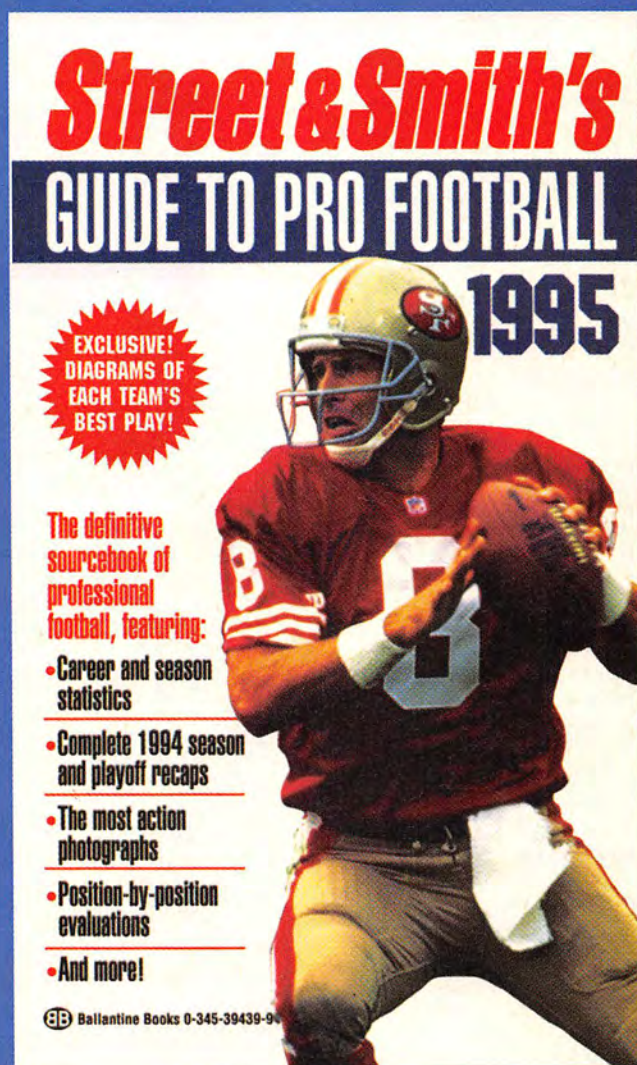
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one is Simeon Rice, who didn't get as much attention as linebacker teammate Dana Howard but might be better. Rice is an outside linebacker who led the Big Ten in sacks (16), tackles for losses (20), and fumbles caused (4). A Butkus Award semifinalist, Rice was chosen to the American Football Coaches Association and Football News All-America first teams.

The Illini have yet another standout linebacker in Kevin Hardy, an all-Big-Ten choice last year who narrowly missed our All-America first-team list.

UCLA linebacker Donnie Edwards led his team in tackles (106), sacks (12.5), and tackles for loss (21), pacing the Pac-10 in that last category. Edwards' sack total tied 1993 Bruin All-America Jamir Miller's best and is only half a sack behind Carnell Lake's school record.

Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas

was the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year on one list as he and his brother, safety Bart, wreaked havoc on the league. Both made all-SWC, the first brother-combo ever to accomplish that in the same season. Zach finished with 116 tackles and won All-America mention.

Headlining the secondary is Washington safety Lawyer Milloy, a versatile player who starts in center field for the Huskies' baseball team. Milloy became Washington's first defensive back in 22 years to lead the team in tackles. Coach Jim Lambright can't see enough of Milloy. "He seemingly never misses a tackle," Lambright said. "He reminds me instinctively of Kenny Easley. He's such a dominant player, you want him on the field all the time."

West Virginia's Aaron Beasley is a player quarterbacks don't want to see on the field at any time. He led the nation in inter-

ceptions (10), returning two of them for touchdowns. The 6-0, 190-pound cornerback was an all-Big-East choice as he also broke up 15 passes.

Colorado State's Greg Myers is a 1994 Football Writers All-America and a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award who also doubles as a punt returner. A three-time all-WAC choice who has 11 career interceptions, Myers averaged 11.8 yards per punt return.

Demetrice Martin originally went to Michigan State as a receiver and started five games in 1992 as a split end. But he switched to cornerback two years ago and last season led the Big Ten in interceptions (tied for fourth in the country) with seven as he won all-league honors.

The punter is Ball State's Brad Maynard, who finished third in the country with a school-record 45.5-yard average (the top two finishers were seniors). □

Honorable Mention

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Tony Banks, Sr., Michigan State
Darrell Bevell, Jr., Wisconsin
Henry Burris, Jr., Temple
Marcus Crandell, Jr., East Carolina
Ramon Flanigan, Jr., SMU
Mark Hartzell, Jr., Boston College
Ryan Henry, Jr., Bowling Green
Bobby Hoying, Sr., Ohio State
Damon Huard, Sr., Washington
Danny Kanell, Sr., Florida State
Max Knake, Sr., TCU
Peyton Manning, Soph., Tennessee
Mike Maxwell, Sr., Nevada
Jay McDonagh, Sr., W. Michigan
Josh Nelson, Jr., Mississippi
Jake Plummer, Jr., Arizona State
Corey Pullig, Sr., Texas A&M
Derrick Taite, Jr., Mississippi State
Steve Taneyhill, Sr., South Carolina
Dan White, Sr., Arizona
Danny Wuerffel, Jr., Florida

RUNNING BACK

Mike Altstott, Sr., Purdue
Mike Archie, Sr., Penn State
Kevin Brooks, Sr., Virginia
Stephen Davis, Sr., Auburn
Warrick Dunn, Jr., Florida State
Eddie George, Sr., Ohio State
Byron Hanspard, Soph., Texas Tech
June Henley, Jr., Kansas
Dou Innocent, Sr., Mississippi
Leon Johnson, Jr., North Carolina
Jerald Moore, Jr., Oklahoma
Sharmon Shah, Jr., UCLA
Sedrick Shaw, Jr., Iowa
Alex Smith, Soph., Indiana
Tremayne Stephens, Soph., N. C. State
Wasean Tait, Jr., Toledo
Shawn Walters, Jr., Southern Cal
Billy West, Jr., Pittsburgh
Moe Williams, Jr., Kentucky
Terrell Willis, Jr., Rutgers

WIDE RECEIVER

Wes Caswell, Jr., Tulsa
Lucious Davis, Sr., New Mexico State
Richard Dice, Jr., Arizona
Chris Doering, Sr., Florida
Jason Dulick, Jr., Illinois
Marcus Harris, Jr., Wyoming
Marvin Harrison, Sr., Syracuse

Brice Hunter, Sr., Georgia
Dietrich Jells, Sr., Pittsburgh
Charlie Jones, Sr., Fresno State
Joey Kent, Jr., Tennessee
Jermain Lewis, Sr., Maryland
Kevin Lockett, Jr., Kansas State
Toderick Malone, Sr., Alabama
Cristin McLemore, Sr., Oregon
Brian Manning, Jr., Stanford
Tyson Schwieger, Sr., Kansas State
Freddie Scott, Jr., Penn State
Tony Simmons, Soph., Wisconsin
Geroy Simon, Jr., Maryland
Corey Thomas, Soph., Duke
Amani Toomer, Sr., Michigan
Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, Sr., California

TIGHT END

Stephen Alexander, Soph., Oklahoma
Andy Fuller, Sr., Auburn
David LaFleur, Jr., LSU
Chad Lewis, Jr., BYU
Eric Moore, Sr., Washington State
Jay Riemersma, Sr., Michigan
Brian Roche, Sr., San Jose State
Josh Wilcox, Jr., Oregon

LINE

Brad Badger, Jr., Stanford
Frank Beede, Sr., California
Chad Bukey, Sr., Bowling Green
Jeff Buckley, Sr., Stanford
Norberto Garrido, Sr., Southern Cal
Jimmy Herndon, Sr., Houston
Heath Irwin, Sr., Colorado
K.C. Jones, Jr., Miami
Steve Keim, Sr., N. C. State
Pete Kendall, Sr., Boston College
Jason Layman, Sr., Tennessee
Bubba Miller, Sr., Tennessee
Jeff Mitchell, Jr., Florida
Chris Naeole, Jr., Colorado
Roman Oben, Sr., Louisville
Orlando Pace, Soph., Ohio State
Juan Porter, Jr., Ohio State
Matt Purdy, Sr., Iowa
Juan Roque, Jr., Arizona State
Shannon Roubique, Sr., Auburn
Jon Runyan, Sr., Michigan
Steve Scifres, Jr., Wyoming
Harry Stamps, Sr., Oklahoma
Troy Stark, Sr., Georgia
Dusty Zeigler, Sr., Notre Dame

PLACE-KICKER

Mike Chalkberg, Sr., Minnesota
Brett Conway, Jr., Penn State
Phil Dawson, Soph., Texas
Kanon Parkman, Sr., Georgia
Mike Shafer, Sr., SW Louisiana
Jarvis Van Dyke, Sr., Baylor

KICK RETURNER

Eddie Kennison, Jr., LSU
Derrick Mason, Jr., Michigan State
Kio Sanford, Soph., Kentucky
Ashaundai Smith, Sr., Kansas

DEFENSE

LINE

Troy Bailey, Sr., Oregon
Shannon Brown, Sr., Alabama
Tim Colston, Sr., Kansas State
Marvin Cross, Sr., Clemson
Deke Devers, Sr., Washington
Mike Vrabel, Jr., Ohio State
La'Roi Glover, Sr., San Diego State
Steve Hoffman, Sr., Washington
Jason Horn, Sr., Michigan
Andy Jacobs, Jr., California
Kenard Lang, Soph., Miami
Jason Maniecki, Sr., Wisconsin
Tim Morabito, Sr., Boston College
Sean Moran, Sr., Colorado State
Gabe Northern, Sr., LSU
Chuck Osborne, Sr., Arizona
Christian Peter, Sr., Nebraska
Brandon Whiting, Soph., California
Reinard Wilson, Jr., Florida State
Nile Wiren, Jr., Kansas State

LINEBACKER

Ink Aleaga, Jr., Washington
Jeremy Asher, Sr., Oregon
Todd Atkins, Sr., Penn State
Chris Bordano, Jr., SMU
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Jarrett Irons, Jr., Michigan
Rossie Johnson, Sr., UNLV
Lance Johnstone, Sr., Temple
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Ray Lewis, Jr., Miami
Marcellus Mostella, Jr., Alabama
Shay Muirbrook, Jr., BYU
Deshone Myles, Soph., Nevada
Dee Osborne, Jr., Miami (OH)
Tyrell Peters, Jr., Oklahoma
Ike Reese, Soph., Michigan State
Kane Rogers, Sr., Oregon State
Matt Russell, Jr., Colorado
Ralph Staten, Jr., Alabama
Danny Sutter, Sr., Northwestern
Erick Unverzagt, Sr., Wisconsin
Ronnie Ward, Sr., Kansas

BACKS

Ken Alvis, Soph., Alabama
Ronde Barber, Soph., Virginia
William Bennett, Sr., Northwestern
Tony Blevins, Jr., Kansas
Marcus Coleman, Sr., Texas Tech
Justin Conzemius, Sr., Minnesota
Brian Dawkins, Sr., Clemson
Ray Farmer, Sr., Duke
Joe Gordon, Jr., Kansas State
Torrian Gray, Jr., Virginia Tech
Walt Harris, Sr., Mississippi State
Corey Johnson, Jr., Georgia
Darrius Johnson, Sr., Oklahoma
Sammy Knight, Jr., Southern Cal
Teddy Lawrence, Sr., UCLA
Donnell Leomiti, Sr., Colorado
Chuck Marlowe, Sr., Kansas State
Ray Mickens, Sr., Texas A&M
Mike Minter, Jr., Nebraska
Jason Parker, Sr., Tennessee
Antwoine Patton, Sr., Illinois
Adrian Robinson, Sr., Baylor
Steve Rosga, Jr., Colorado
Shawn Springs, Soph., Ohio State
Reggie Tongue, Sr., Oregon State
Eric Vance, Sr., Vanderbilt
Bryant Westbrook, Jr., Texas
Kenny Wheaton, Soph., Oregon
Gerome Williams, Sr., Houston
Tyrone Williams, Sr., Nebraska
Jerome Woods, Sr., Memphis
Quincy Wright, Jr., W. Michigan

PUNTER

Matt Belden, Soph., Oregon
Paul Burton, Sr., Northwestern
Rob Deignan, Sr., Purdue
Darin Erstad, Jr., Nebraska
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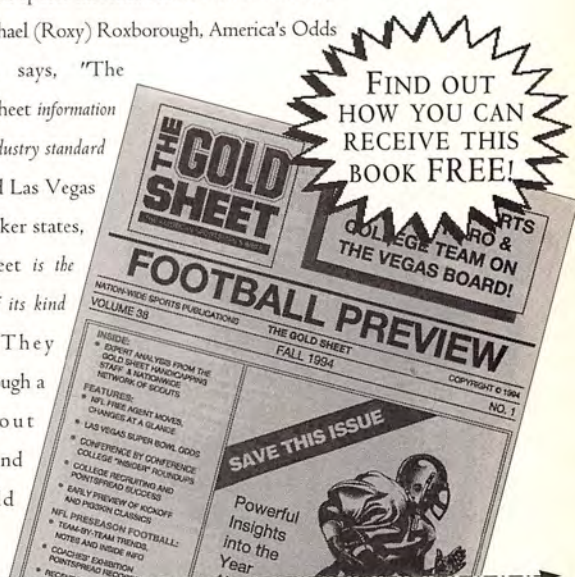
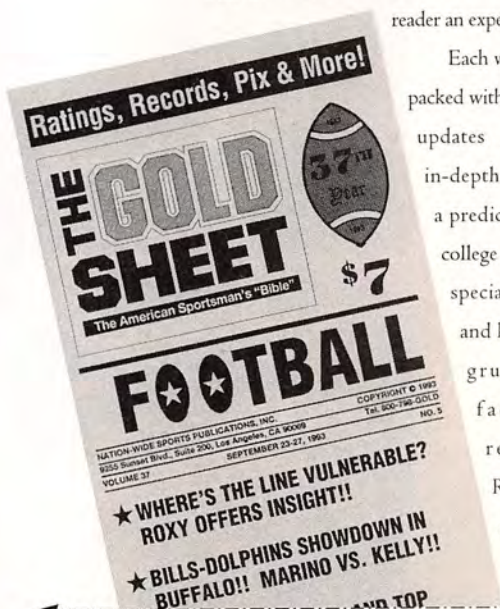
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deep south

by **TOMMY HICKS** and **RANDALL MELL**

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It is not true that everything remains the same in the Southeastern Conference, it just appears that way. After all, the SEC championship game has featured the same pairing—Florida vs. Alabama—in each of its three versions. And the expectations for the league and its members will be as high as always. Again, Florida and Alabama are contenders to return to the title game and the league is expected to produce a group of nationally ranked teams. Again, close to five million fans are expected to attend games involving league teams and many of those fans will talk of a SEC team winning a national championship.

Alabama's defense is expected to be strong—again. Florida's offense is expected to be prolific—again. Tennessee has a tough early schedule—again. Yet the same old story has a lot of new twists this season:

- Auburn, all dressed up with 20 wins over the past two seasons but no place to go, is eligible for a bowl berth and has the talent to land one.

- Ole Miss has switched from a defensive-minded interim coach (Joe Lee Dunn) to an offensive-minded first-year coach (Tommy Tuberville), but the changes won't be seen by many. NCAA sanctions will keep the Rebels off TV this season and reduce scholarships from 25 to 13 for two years.

- LSU has Vanderbilt's former head coach and Vanderbilt has the Indianapolis Colts' former head coach. Georgia has a new quarterback, South Carolina has a bowl victory in its record book (at last), and Arkansas has 18 starters returning.

It's the same old story, with some new twists. The usual teams—Florida, Alabama, Auburn, and Tennessee—figure to make the same push for supremacy. Yet there are other teams, too. Teams of potential. South Carolina is gaining steam under head coach Brad Scott. LSU is looking for a change of fortunes (six straight losing seasons) and Georgia and Mississippi State are considered teams with the talent to make something happen, but at a time when both need to do just that.

When some feared that a championship game would prevent the SEC from having a national champion (the game, along with an eight-game league schedule would be too much, they said), Alabama went 13-0 and beat Miami for the crown in the first year of the title game (1992). It only increased the pressure. While Florida, Alabama, Auburn,

Tennessee, and Georgia are billed by some as football factories, Vanderbilt and Kentucky continue to struggle, aiming for more consistency in a conference where success is expected but can be difficult to achieve.

SEC football will be competitive and strong again this year, yet, as always, there will be some surprises. While many of the league's stars have moved to the NFL (Jack Jackson, Kevin Carter, Frank Sanders, Dameian Jeffries, Sherman Williams, Abdul Jackson, and Ellis Johnson), other stars (Stephen Davis, Brice Hunter, Eric Moulds, Peyton Manning) remain.

Louisville coach Ron Cooper is the newest face in a southern independent landscape that's about to undergo a major face-lift. Cooper takes over for Howard Schnellenberger (who left to coach Oklahoma last winter) with hopes of leading the Cardinals to a bowl bid in his first season. In the future, Cooper can set his sights on a conference championship. Louisville will break the independent ranks to join Southern Mississippi, Tulane, Louisville, Houston, Memphis, and Cincinnati in the Conference USA next fall, a 12-team all-sports league with six of the members playing football.

1995 all-deep south team

offense

Quarterback...Danny Wuerffel..JR..Florida
Running back...Stephen Davis..SR..Auburn
Running back...Dou Innocent..SR..Mississippi
Wide receiver...Brice Hunter..SR..Georgia
Wide receiver...Eric Moulds..SR..Mississippi State
Tight end...David LeFleur..JR..LSU
Line...Shannon Roubique..SR..Auburn
Line...Bubba Miller..SR..Tennessee
Line...Roman Oben..SR..Louisville
Line...Jason Odom..SR..Florida
Line...Willie Anderson..JR..Auburn
Line...Jason Layman..SR..Tennessee
Place-kicker...Michael Proctor..SR..Alabama
Kick-returner...Eric Moulds..SR..Mississippi State

defense

Line...Shannon Brown..SR..Alabama
Line...Gabe Northern..SR..LSU
Line...Mark Campbell..SR..Florida
Linebacker...Randall Godfrey..SR..Georgia
Linebacker...Anthony Harris..SR..Auburn
Linebacker...Ben Hanks..SR..Florida
Linebacker...Dwayne Curry..JR..Mississippi State
Back...Jason Parker..SR..Tennessee
Back...Deshea Townsend..SO..Alabama
Back...Walt Harris..SR..Mississippi State
Back...Ken Alvis..SO..Auburn
Punter...Bill Marinangel..JR..Vanderbilt

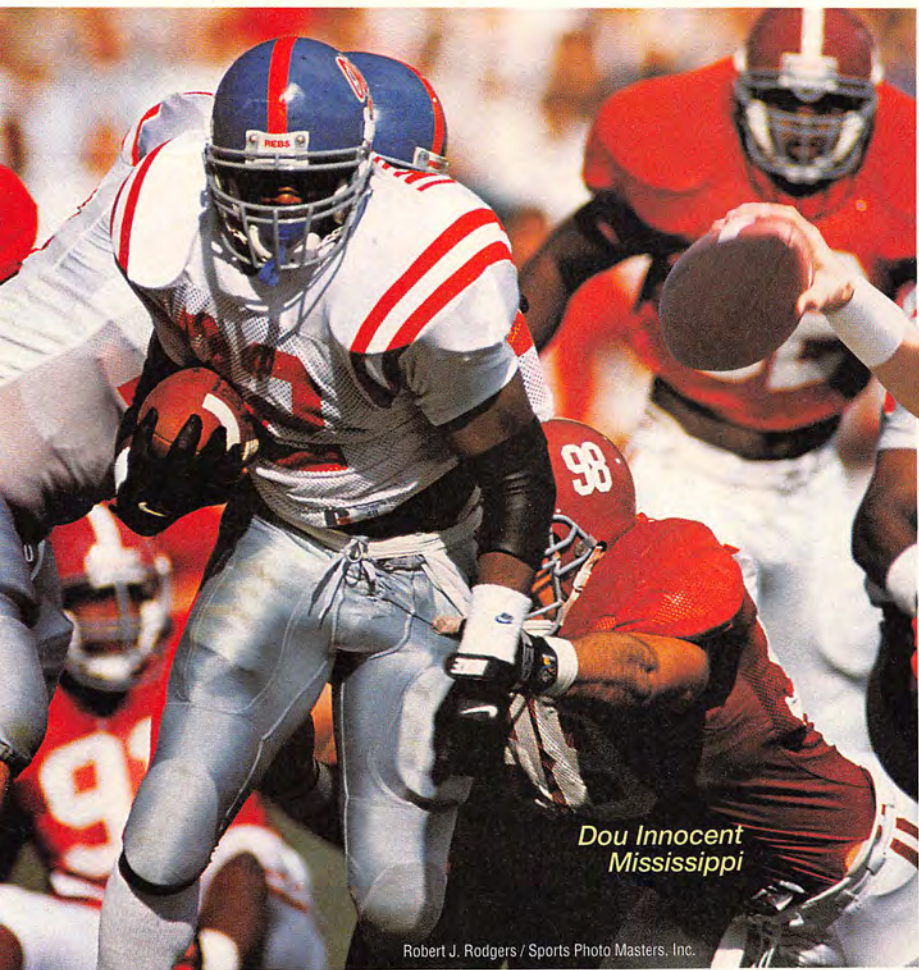


Danny Wuerffel
Florida



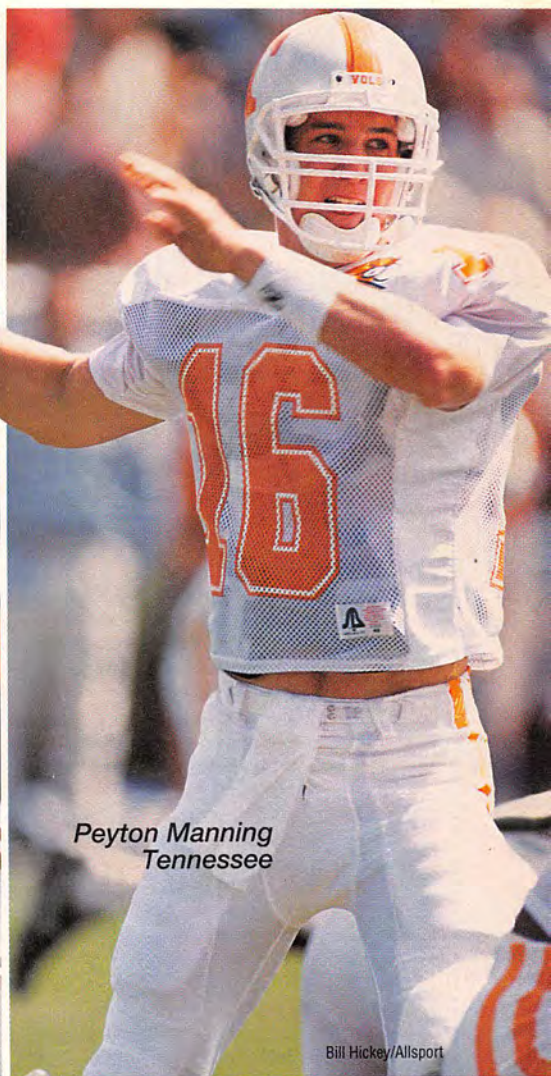
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Mississippi*

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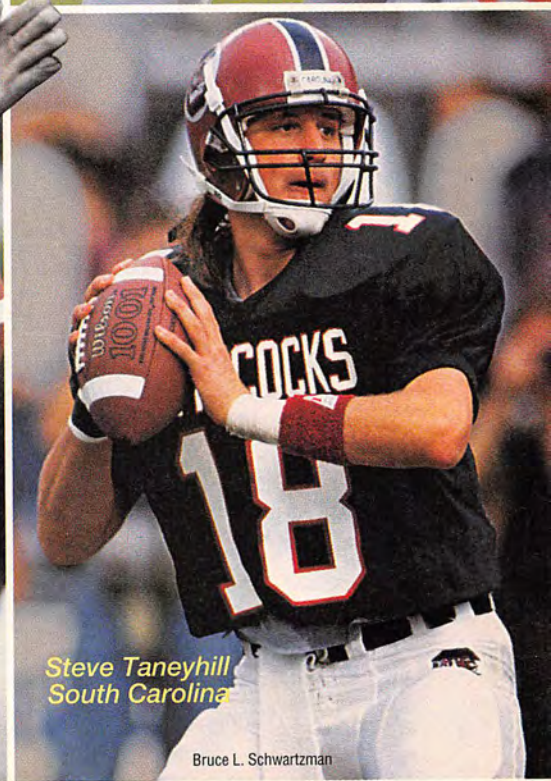
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South Carolina*

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east

by **MICKY FURFARI** THOMSON NEWSPAPERS

● Miami, dethroned by West Virginia in 1993, reasserted its superiority in the Big East last year. The Hurricanes (10-1, 7-0) captured their third conference crown, then wound up a 24-17 loser to undefeated and national champion Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. That was the final game for Big East Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp. Eleven days later, Miami lost head coach Dennis Erickson to the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

Don't shed any tears for the 'Canes, though. Butch Davis, Erickson's successor, figures to keep Miami right up there among the nation's elite. He inherited 12 returning starters and, despite the late start, put together a recruiting class that is ranked among the top 10. So you've got to stick with the Hurricanes as the clear-cut favorite in the Big East.

Who's going to be the conference's runner-up this fall? That's really the big question. It looks like a wide-open scramble behind Miami, with no fewer than four teams in the running for No. 2. One coach ventured, "We could wind up anywhere from second to fifth."

Virginia Tech, which finished second in the league, likely will challenge again. But the Hokies have an untested quarterback and an unfavorably spaced schedule, including just five home games. Look for Boston College and West Virginia to be in contention, too. Both have experienced quarterbacks plus veterans at several other key positions. The Eagles also should be settled in more comfortably under second-year coach Dan Henning. They play a murderous nonconference schedule, however, including Notre Dame, Michigan, Ohio State, and Michigan State, and they'll have to do without defensive lineman Mike Mamula, who surrendered his final year of eligibility to the NFL, and all-conference tight end Pete Mitchell.

Syracuse and Rutgers could fight it out for fifth place in the Big East, if not a higher finish. With a new quarterback, though, the Orange may have difficulty matching last year's 7-4 mark. The Scarlet Knights expect to be much improved, especially on offense, where Ray Lucas returns as the quarterback of a 4,000-yard attack. Coach

Doug Graber says he won't be satisfied unless Rutgers earns a bowl bid. Pittsburgh and Temple are pinning hopes for increased success on veteran quarterbacks and a heap of holdovers. Like the Panthers' Johnny Majors, the Owls' Ron Dickerson is in his third year of rebuilding. Each confidently anticipates improvement this fall. Ray Burris passed for 2,716 yards and 21 touchdowns, but Temple has yet to win a conference game.

In addition to Miami in the Orange, the Big East had three other teams in postseason bowls: Virginia Tech in the Gator, West Virginia in the Carquest, and Boston College in the Aloha. But only B.C. emerged victorious, beating Kansas State, 12-7.

Elsewhere in the east, Charlie Weatherbie tries to restore a winning formula at Navy, where he replaced George Chaump. Army also looks for better results, though the Cadets own three consecutive victories over the Middies. There's talk that these two I-A independents may become involved eventually in the formation of a new conference.

1995 all-east team

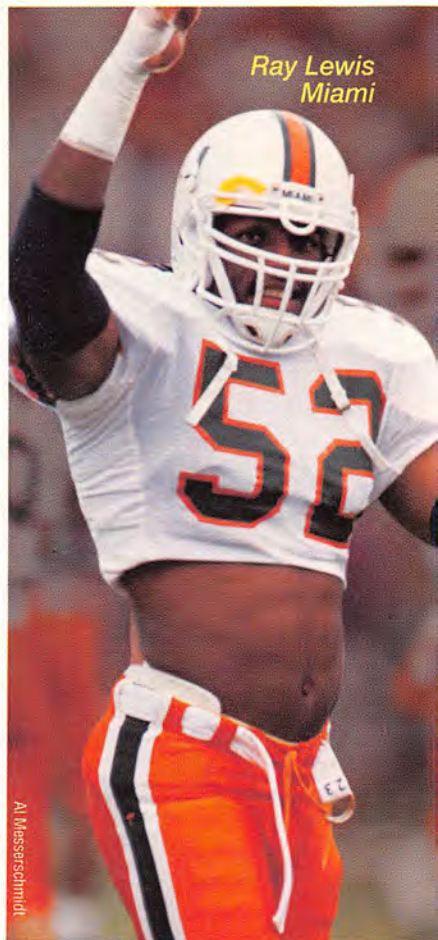
offense

Quarterback..Henry Burris..JR..Temple
Running back..Terrell Willis..JR..Rutgers
Running back..Billy West..JR..Pittsburgh
Wide receiver..Marvin Harrison..SR..Syracuse
Wide receiver..Dietrich Jells..SR..Pittsburgh
Tight end..Marco Battaglia..SR..Rutgers
Tackle..Pete Kendall..SR..Boston College
Tackle..Dan Oriskovich..JR..Boston College
Guard..Chris Malone..SR..Virginia Tech
Guard..John Summerday..SR..Temple
Center..K.C. Jones..JR..Miami
Place-kicker..Dane Prewitt..JR..Miami

defense

Line..Kenard Lang..SO..Miami
Line..Tim Morabito..SR..Boston College
Line..Cornell Brown..JR..Virginia Tech
Line..Canute Curtis..JR..West Virginia
Linebacker..Ray Lewis..JR..Miami
Linebacker..Lance Johnstone..SR..Temple
Linebacker..Antwaune Ponds..SO..Syracuse
Back..Aaron Beasley..SR..West Virginia
Back..Antonio Banks..JR..Virginia Tech
Back..Carlos Jones..JR..Miami
Back..Torrian Gray..JR..Virginia Tech
Punter..Nate Cochran..JR..Pittsburgh

Ray Lewis
Miami



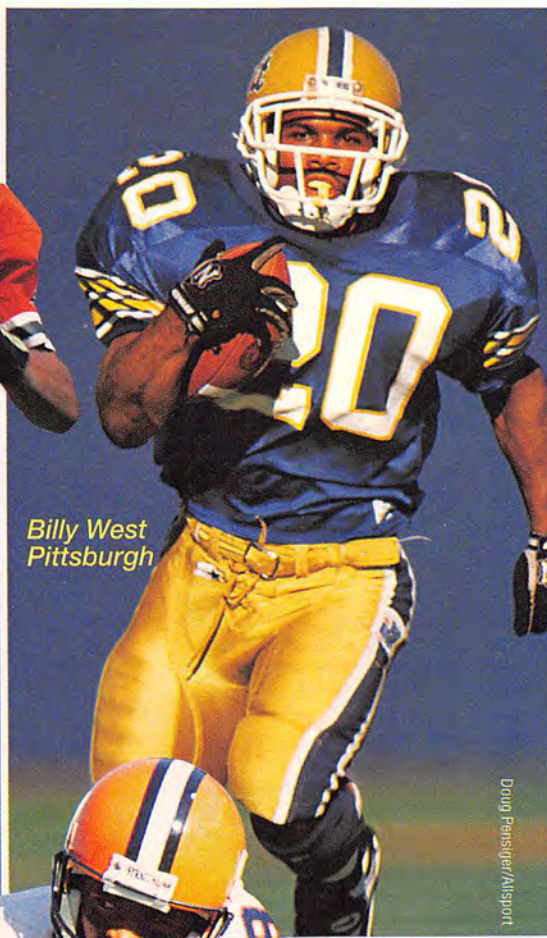
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Rutgers

Doug Pensinger/Allsport



Ryan Collins
Miami

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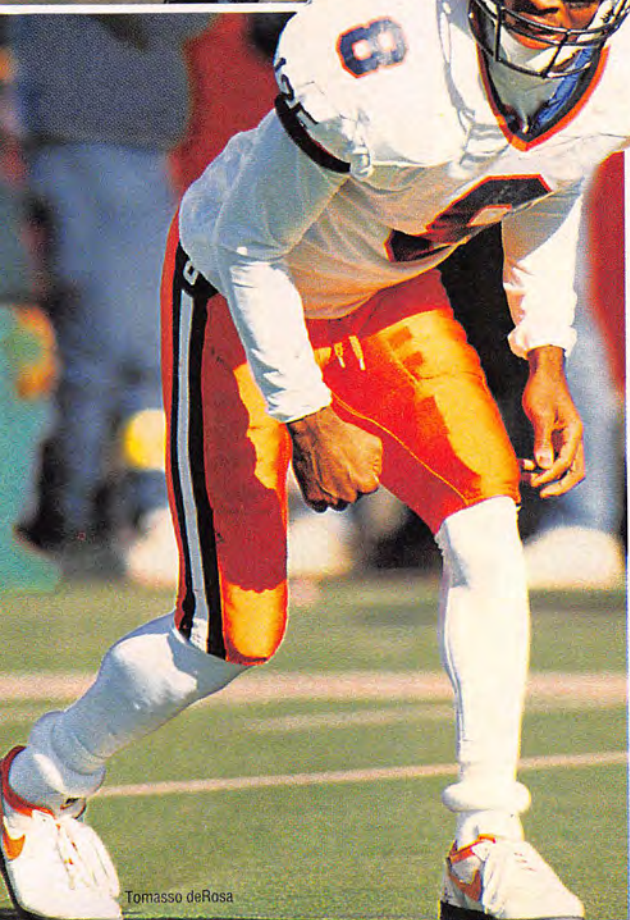
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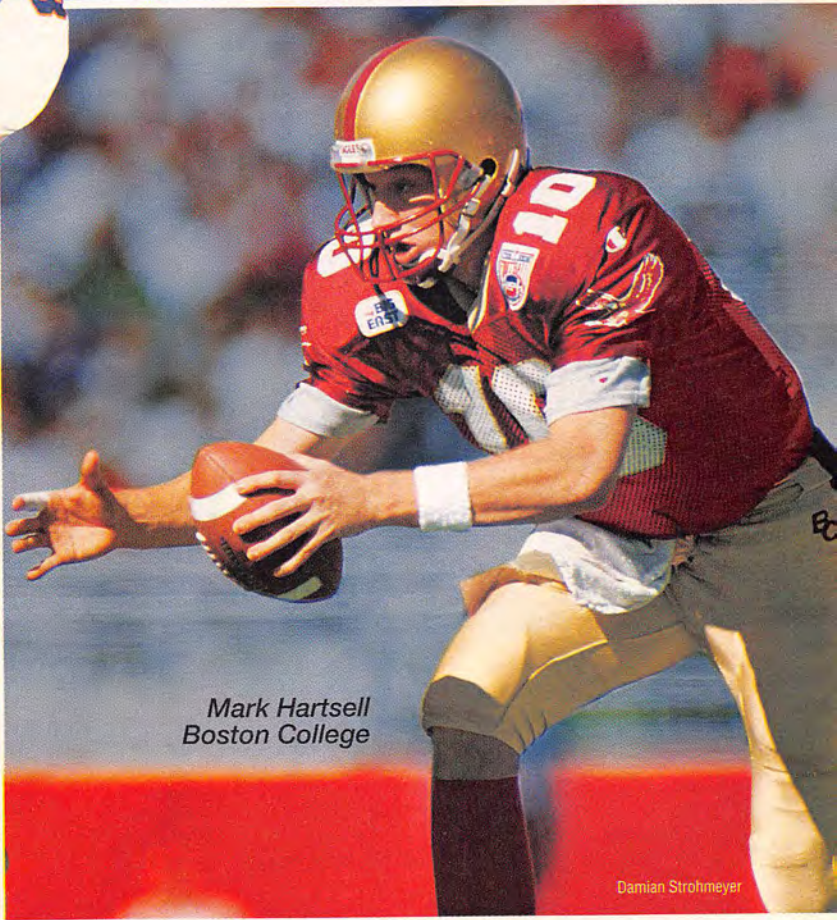


Antonio Banks
Virginia
Tech

Tomasso De Rosa



Tomasso deRosa



Mark Hartsell
Boston College

Damian Strohmeyer

atlantic coast

by **BOB SPEAR** THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

Florida State joined the Atlantic Coast Conference three years ago with expectations of dominating in football, and that the Seminoles have done. But this is getting embarrassing. They seldom have been challenged in rolling to three championships with a 24-0 conference record. And just look at the 1994 league statistics: Florida State ranked first in total offense, passing offense, scoring offense, first downs, third-down efficiency, total defense, passing defense, scoring defense, and shared first in first-down defense.

What else is there?

Well, there is more of the same coming up in 1995 from the Seminoles, who finished 10-1-1 and ranked fourth nationally. A loss to an ACC team would be a monumental upset. The only hope that league rivals have

the Seminoles from being "awfully good," according to Bowden.

League fathers like to talk about shedding the "basketball only" image, and the conference has indeed made strides. ACC teams went to five bowls last year and won three. But until someone in the league beats Florida State, the league is destined to keep its image of the Seminoles and the eight dwarfs.

The Seminoles' chief challenger is Virginia, the once laughingstock of college football that has prospered over the past decade under coach George Welsh. "I anticipate we will be a pretty productive offensive football team," he said. His defense won't be bad, either.

Neighborhood rivals North Carolina and North Carolina State will give chase as well. "I came out of the spring feeling pretty good about our starters," UNC coach Mack Brown said. N.C. State coach Mike O'Cain pulls no punches about his goal: to become a fixture in the national rankings. Clemson, Maryland, and Duke should finish in the middle of the pack with Georgia Tech and Wake Forest in the lower echelon.

But no matter what their prospects, all eight challengers share the same dream: Throw off the yoke of Florida State's tyranny.

The chances this season?
Just a dream.

1995 all-atlantic coast team

offense

Quarterback..Danny Kanell..SR..Florida State
Running back..Tremayne Stephens..SO..N.C. State
Running back..Warrick Dunn..JR..Florida State
Wide receiver..Jermaine Lewis..SR..Maryland
Wide receiver..Marcus Wall..SR..North Carolina
Tight end..Bill Khayat..SR..Duke
Tackle..Chris Harrison..SR..Virginia
Tackle..Dwayne Morgan..SR..Clemson
Guard..Lewis Tyre..SR..Florida State
Guard..Jonathan Redmond..SR..N.C. State
Center..Clay Shiver..SR..Florida State
Place-kicker..Rafael Garcia..JR..Virginia

defense

Line..Reinard Wilson..JR..Florida State
Line..Marvin Cross..SR..Clemson
Line..Marcus Jones..SR..North Carolina
Linebacker..Daryl Bush..SO..Florida State
Linebacker..Mark Libiano..SR..East Carolina
Linebacker..Jamie Sharper..SR..Virginia
Linebacker..John Zuanich..SR..Duke
Back..Rhode Barber..SO..Virginia
Back..Brian Dawkins..SR..Clemson
Back..Ray Farmer..SR..Duke
Back..Ricky Bell..N.C. JR..State
Punter..Scott Milanovich..SR..Maryland

Spence
Fischer
Duke

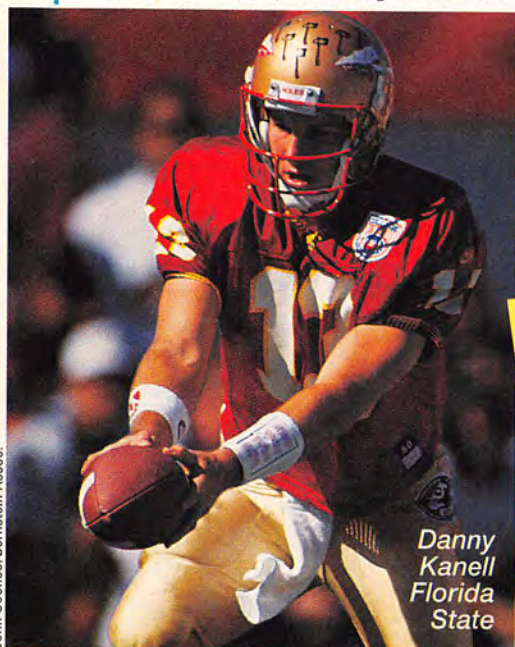


Don Kelly

David L. Greene

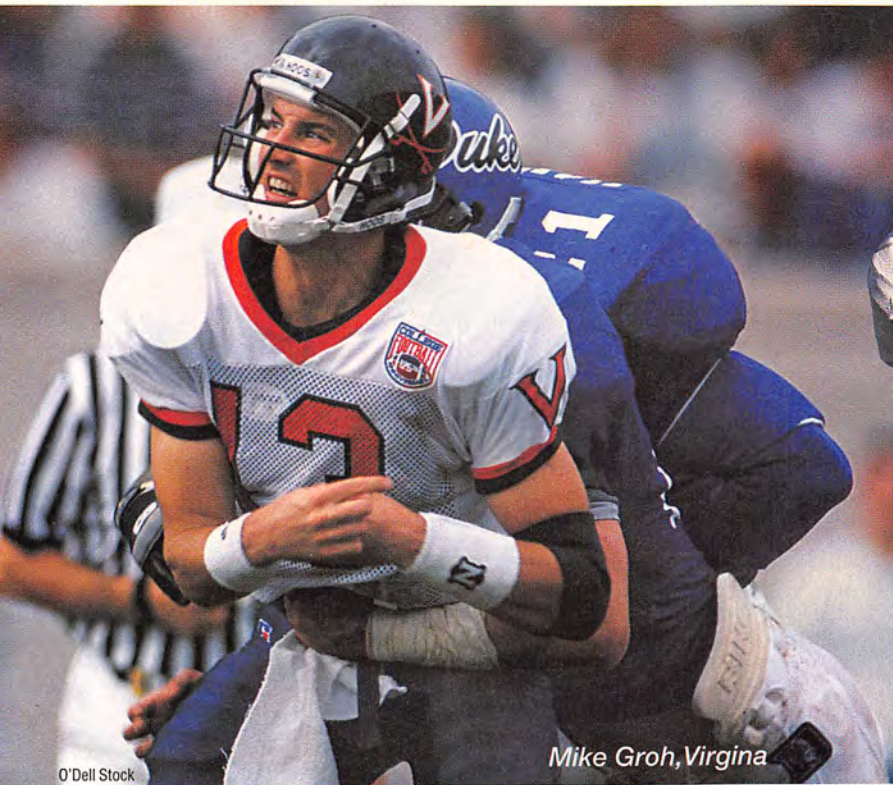


Marcus Jones
North Carolina



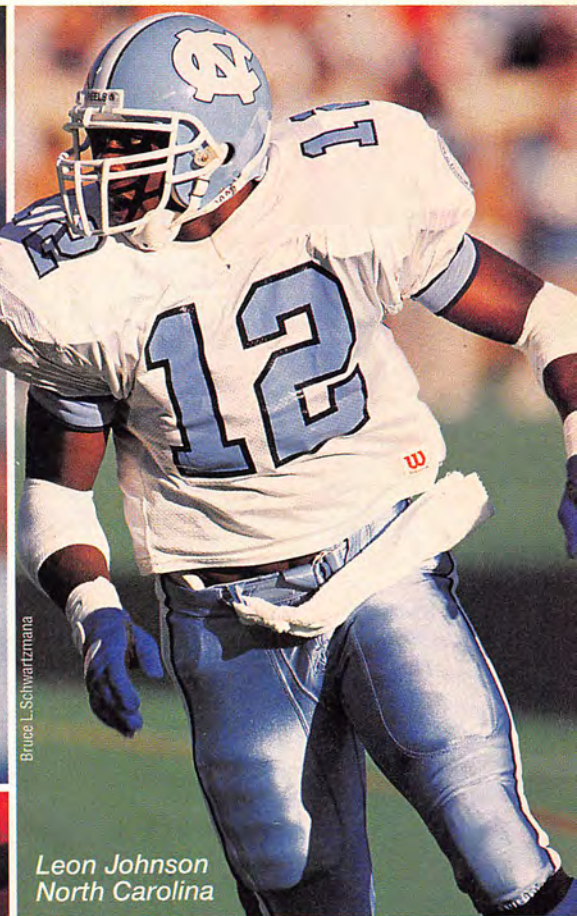
Danny
Kanell
Florida
State

is that the Seminoles' youthful secondary fails. Even in that unlikely event, the other parts of the game should compensate. Coach Bobby Bowden figured, "If I can just convince my juniors not to rush to the NFL, we could be an awfully good team." There he failed. All-star defensive tackle Derrick Alexander and safety Devin Bush jumped to the pros. But their absence will not prevent



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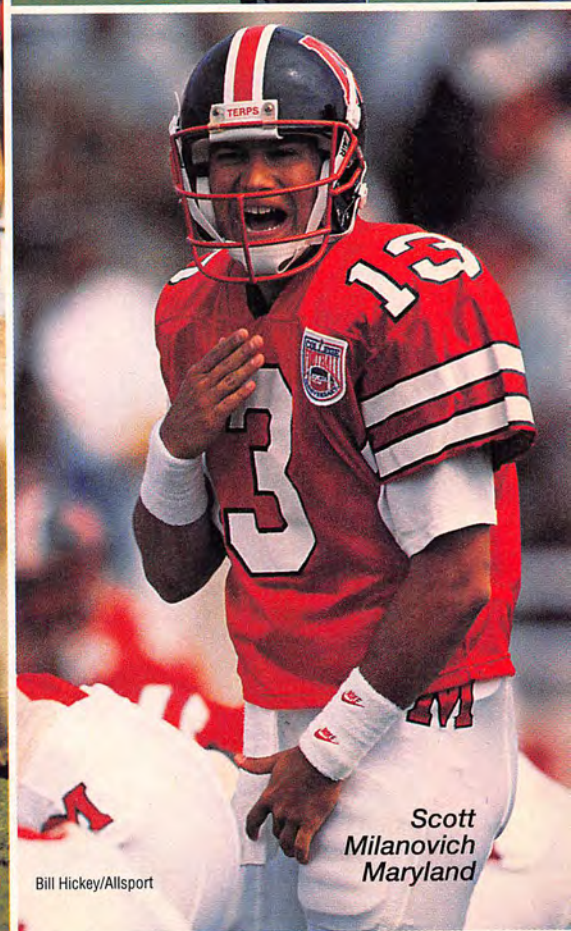
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Leon Johnson
North Carolina



Warrick Dunn, Florida State

J.C. Ridley



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Scott
Milanovich
Maryland

big eight

by **BILL CONNORS** *TULSA WORLD*

● Nebraska must replace most of the linemen and linebackers who keynoted the Cornhuskers' drive to the 1994 national championship. But they have the Big Eight Conference's best quarterback in Tommie Frazier and possibly the second-best in Brook Berringer. They also have the best running back in tailback Lawrence Phillips. When Tom Osborne has such backs, the Big Eight race is almost always for second.

Frazier, arguably the best option operative in the country, and Phillips, the nation's No. 1 returning rusher, qualify the Cornhuskers as favorites to win their fifth consecutive conference championship in what will be the Big Eight's farewell season before becoming the Big 12 in 1996. Nebraska's defense does not have dominating strength up front but boasts an all-star secondary. This alone gives the Cornhuskers an edge over perennial challenger Colorado.

Colorado is one of four Big Eight teams with new coaches. Rick Neuheisel, who was elevated following Bill McCartney's shocking resignation, inherits a gifted passer in Koy Detmer and an outstanding offensive line. The Buffs play Nebraska at Boulder. But they must replace the conference's best senior class. Even though the replacements are highly regarded, Colorado would be picked fourth, behind Kansas State and Oklahoma, if it were not for Detmer. If new quarterbacks come through, Oklahoma or K-State could finish second.

Howard Schnellenberger, 61, Oklahoma's choice to lead the Sooners out of a six-year recession, inherits an underachieving but

talented senior team that has everything except a proven quarterback. Speedy defenders, a deep cast of running backs, and the prospect of having a star in Stephen Alexander to play tight end, the key receiver position in his pass-oriented attack, excites Schnellenberger. He is high on redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Moore.

Matt Miller is the quarterback who holds the key for Kansas State. The two-year backup takes over a team that coach Bill Snyder thinks is otherwise better than the bowl teams of the last two years. He has the league's best wideouts, the best defensive line, and one of the best secondaries.

Kansas and Missouri are a level behind but should be improved and figure to battle for fifth place. Kansas starts perhaps the best pair of running backs in the conference in June Henley and L.T. Levine. Missouri has no such stars but expects its offense to be much better after making the transition from passing to running in Larry Smith's first season.

Oklahoma State and Iowa State face grim prospects under new coaches. OSU's Bob Simmons inherited a thinner team but one with a few better players than Dan McCarney has at Iowa State. OSU also has the advantage of retaining its basic offensive scheme. Iowa State will use a passing offense with option players. Their game to avoid the cellar, which they shared last year, will be played at Iowa State.

1995 all-big eight team

offense

Quarterback...Tommie Frazier...SR..Nebraska
Running back...Lawrence Phillips...JR..Nebraska
Running back...Jerald Moore...JR..Oklahoma
Wide receiver...Kevin Lockett...JR..Kansas State
Wide receiver...Tyson Schwiager...SR..Kansas State
Tight end...Stephen Alexander...SO..Oklahoma
Tackle...Chris Dishman...JR..Nebraska
Tackle...Harry Stamps...SR..Oklahoma
Guard...Chris Naeole...JR..Colorado
Guard...Heath Irwin...SR..Colorado
Center...Bryan Stollenberg...SR..Colorado
Place-kicker...Lawson Vaughn...SR..Oklahoma State

defense

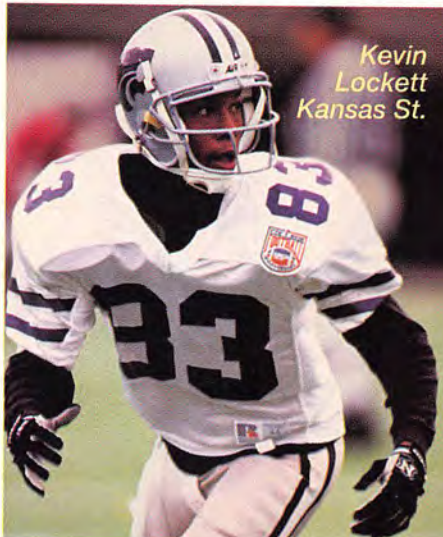
Line...Tim Colston...SR..Kansas State
Line...Cedric Jones...SR..Oklahoma
Line...Christian Peter...SR..Nebraska
Line...Nyle Wiren...JR..Kansas State
Linebacker...Tyrell Peters...JR..Oklahoma
Linebacker...Darryl Chatman...JR..Missouri
Linebacker...Ronnie Ward...SR..Kansas
Back...Mike Minter...JR..Nebraska
Back...Tyrone Williams...SR..Nebraska
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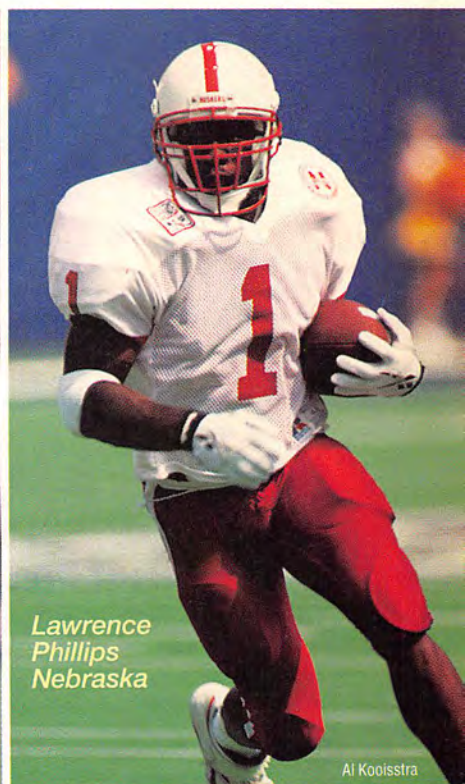
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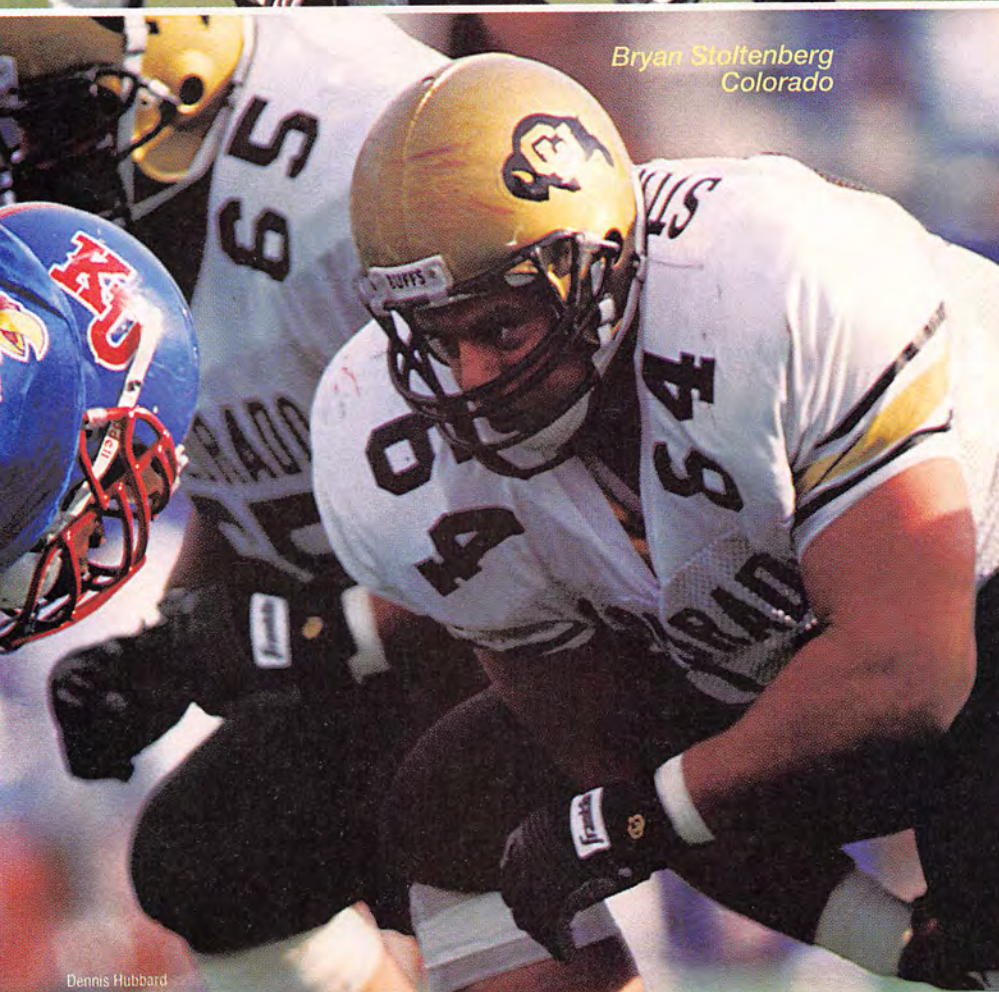
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Oklahoma

John Williamson



Lawrence
Phillips
Nebraska

Al Kooistra



Bryan Stoltenberg
Colorado

Dennis Hubbard



Lorenzo Green
Oklahoma St.

John Williamson

southwest

by IVY McLEMORE

In a few short months, Southwest Conference football will have gone the way of the Edsel, sock hop, and drive-in movie. With the geographical boundaries of its membership too provincial to attract sufficient appeal from television executives in the revenue-crazed 1990s, the SWC will disband at the end of the upcoming season. Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech have opted to join the Big 12 Conference. Rice, Southern Methodist, and Texas Christian will become part of the Western Athletic Conference. Houston will compete in the newly created Conference USA.

Off the field, ardent SWC fans will find it difficult not to peek in their rear-view mirror and reminisce about thrilling days of yesteryear. There were such legendary coaches as Darrell Royal, Frank Broyles, Bear Bryant, Grant Teaff, and Jess Neely. There was the "Game of the Century" between Texas and Arkansas in 1969, Baylor's "Miracle on the Brazos" in 1974, and a long list of standout players punctuated by Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell of Texas and Andre Ware of Houston.

On the field, the teams which ended last season in an unprecedented five-way tie for the conference title will try to end Texas A&M's streak of four consecutive undefeated SWC seasons. The Aggies were not eligible for the conference championship a year ago while sidelined with NCAA bowl and television sanctions, yet were still ranked eighth in the final Associated Press poll. The return of highly decorated running back Leeland McElroy and quality depth on defense makes A&M a heavy favorite to end its SWC football history on a high note.

Despite A&M's status last season, the SWC still sent four teams—Baylor, Texas, Texas Christian, and Texas Tech—to bowl games. That hadn't happened since 1986. Rice also qualified as an SWC co-champ for the first time since 1957 with a 4-3 conference record that included a victory over Texas for the first time since 1965 and a decision over the SWC's eventual Cotton Bowl representative—Texas Tech—for the first time since 1946.

Texas Tech's first Cotton Bowl appearance as a Southwest Conference member also proved to be the Red Raiders' last. The '95 SWC champ will enter the new Bowl Alliance, ending a 53-year association with the Cotton Bowl. Whether Tech can repeat will depend largely on a defensive unit led by linebacker Zach Thomas and on how much excitement can be generated by an offense that returns 92 percent of its output from a year ago.

Baylor and Texas each averaged more than 30 points per game last season. Both squads have outside shots at the SWC title, but only if their respective defenses make a huge improvement. TCU could earn a second consecutive bowl bid with the help of several all-league candidates, while Rice, Southern Methodist, and Houston will try to avoid the dubious distinction of finishing in last place in the SWC's final season.

1995 all-southwest team

offense

Quarterback...Max Knake..SR..TCU
Running back...Leeland McElroy..JR..Texas A&M
Running back...Andre Davis..SR..TCU
Wide receiver...Sheldon Bass..SO..Texas Tech
Wide receiver...Kevin Beirne..JR..Texas A&M
Tight end...Brian Collins..SR..TCU
Center...Brannon Kidd..JR..SMU
Guard...Chris Cooley..SR..Rice
Guard...Calvin Collins..JR..Texas A&M
Tackle...Fred Miller..SR..Baylor
Tackle...Jimmy Herndon..SR..Houston
Place-kicker...Jarvis Van Dyke..SR..Baylor

defense

Line...Tony Brackens..JR..Texas
Line...Brandon Mitchell..JR..Texas A&M
Line...Daryl Gardner..SR..Baylor
Line...Tony Daniels..JR..Texas Tech
Linebacker...Larry Izzo..SR..Rice
Linebacker...Lenoy Jones..SR..TCU
Linebacker...Zach Thomas..SR..Texas Tech
Back...Bryant Westbrook..JR..Texas
Back...Adrian Robinson..SR..Baylor
Back...Marcus Coleman..SR..Texas Tech
Back...Ray Mickens..SR..Texas A&M
Punter...Ty Atteberry..JR..Baylor



Max Knake TCU



Tony Brackens
Texas



Leeland
McElroy
Texas A&M

James D. Smith



James D. Smith

Corey Pullig
Texas A&M



Tre Thomas
Texas

James D. Smith



Zach Thomas
Texas Tech

John Williamson

rockies

by **LEE BENSON** SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

There will be nostalgia in the Rockies this fall as both the Western Athletic and Big Sky Conferences close out traditional eras and make way for new configurations. The WAC, in particular, will bear little resemblance to its old self a year from now, with Tulsa, UNLV, San Jose State, SMU, Rice, and TCU all scheduled to climb on board. As for the Big Sky, this year will mark the end of the line for long-time members Boise State and Idaho, both scheduled to follow Nevada's lead and move on to the Big West Conference. They're expected to be replaced by a host of contenders in 1996, among them Portland State, Southern Utah State, Sacramento State, and Cal State-Northridge.

So this will be the season that rings out the old and ushers in, well, Texas and California. Anyone who can remember back to 1962, when the WAC began with New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Brigham Young, Arizona, and Arizona State, and to 1963, when the Big Sky started up with Idaho, Idaho State, Montana State, Montana, and Weber State, will have a few respects to pay at the end of November. Good or bad, they will have been the old days.

By most barometers, both leagues are coming off their best seasons ever in 1994. The WAC went 25-14-1 against nonconference teams, and that included regular season victories over Notre Dame (by BYU), Arizona (by Colorado State), and Pac-10 champion Oregon (by both Utah and Hawaii). In the bowl season, the WAC got victories over Arizona again (by Utah) and Oklahoma (by BYU) and placed two teams (Utah and BYU) in the season-ending top 10 rankings for the first time ever. Colorado State wound up ranked 14th, giving the WAC three teams in the top 20 for the first time. In addition, an average attendance of 34,594 was the second-highest in the league's 33-year run.

In the Big Sky, Boise State made it all the way to the I-AA championship game before falling 28-14 to Youngstown State. Montana, which made it to the I-AA semifinals before dropping a 21-9 decision to Youngstown State, and Idaho also qualified for the playoffs. In all, these three teams combined for a 33-8 record and—in a Big Sky first—each finished ranked in I-AA's final top 10: Boise State at No. 2, Montana at No. 4, and Idaho

at No. 8. Plus, Northern Arizona, after a 7-4 campaign, ended the season ranked No. 25 nationally. In non-league games the eight Big Sky teams combined to go 30-10, setting yet another league record.

Forecasts for this season are for spirited races in both the WAC and the Big Sky. In the WAC, heavy personnel losses have cleared the way for the most wide-open race since before BYU discovered the forward pass. It's a race that's especially difficult to call because, for one thing, there's the format that calls for each team to play an eight-game league schedule, meaning each team will miss playing somebody. And for another, not a single school returns a quarterback who played the entire '94 season. In this pass-happy league, that's no small thing.

The Big Sky has bona fide favorites, and the fact that they are none other than the two defectors, Boise State and Idaho, suggests a season that will be, well, emotional, to say the least.

1995 all-rockies team

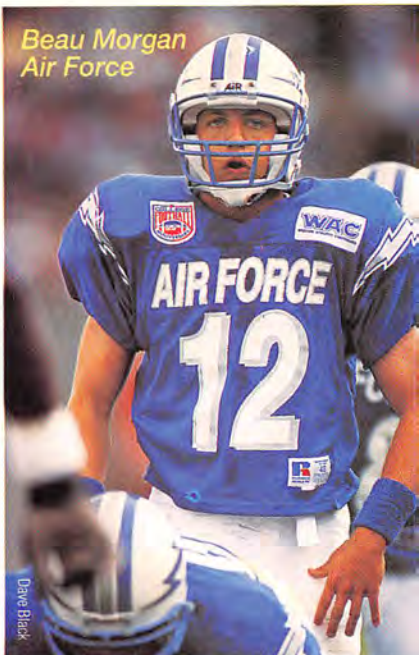
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Quarterback...Dave Dickenson...SR..Montana
Running back...Toraino Singleton...SR..UTEP
Running back...K.C. Adams...SR..Boise State
Running back...Jerome Oliver...SR..Fresno State
Wide receiver...Marcus Harris...JR..Wyoming
Wide receiver...Eric Hopkins...SR..Montana State
Wide receiver...Charlie Jones...SR..Fresno State
Tight end...Chad Lewis...JR..Brigham Young
Line...Jim Mills...SR..Idaho
Line...Bret Cillesen...SR..Air Force
Line...Steve Scitres...JR..Wyoming
Place-kicker...Ryan Woolverton...SR..Idaho
Kick-returner...Cal Beck...SO..Utah

defense

Line...La'Roi Glover...SR..San Diego State
Line...Sean Moran...SR..Colorado State
Line...Ryan Phillips...JR..Idaho
Line...John Raas...SR..Brigham Young
Linebacker...Shay Muirbrook...JR..Brigham Young
Linebacker...Michael Comer...JR..UTEP
Linebacker...Roston Thomas...SR..New Mexico
Back...Greg Myers...SR..Colorado State
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Back...Rashid Gayle...SR..Boise State
Back...Rayna Stewart...SR..Northern Arizona
Punter...Brian Gragert...SR..Wyoming

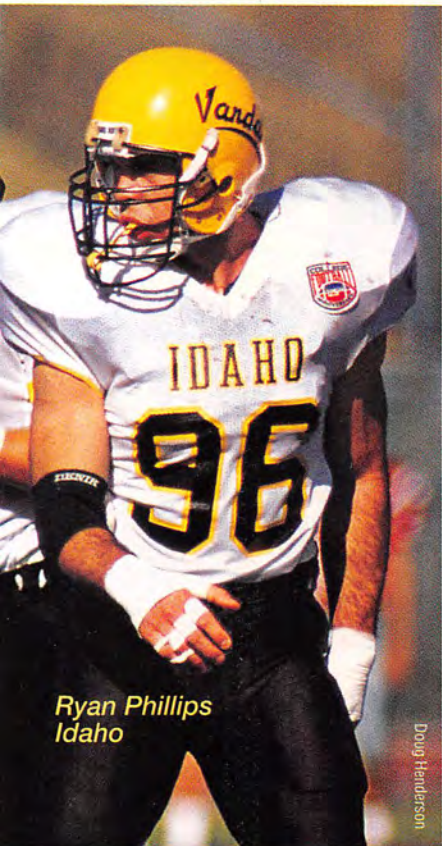
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Air Force



Chris Finch
San Diego State

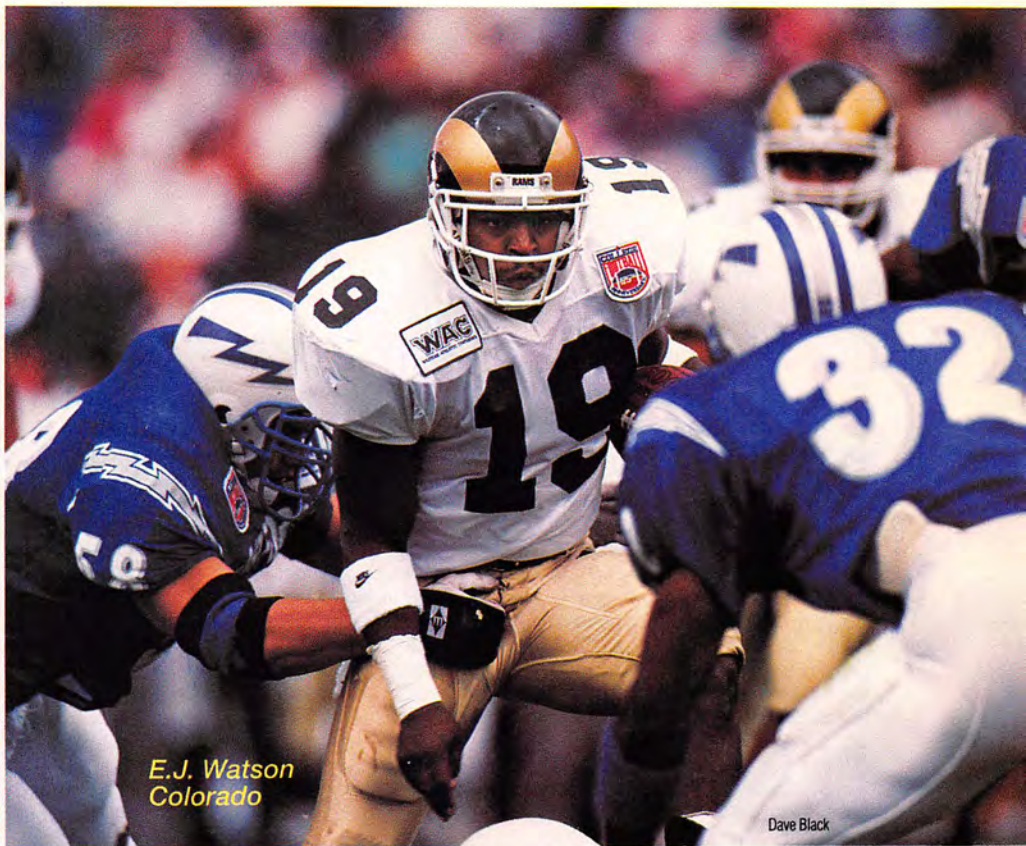


Dave Black



Ryan Phillips
Idaho

Doyle Henderson



E.J. Watson
Colorado

Dave Black



Air Force vs. Colorado State



Glenn Freitas
Hawaii

Kevin Reece

west

by DWIGHT CHAPIN SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

● Coaching is a challenging profession no matter what the circumstances, but the two new rookie head coaches in the Pac-10 this season may be walking a high wire without a net. That's because Mike Bellotti at Oregon and Tyrone Willingham at Stanford aren't replacing just anybody. Bellotti is stepping in for Rich Brooks, who seemingly led the Ducks forever. When he left for professional football, Brooks was second in Pac-10 coaching tenure only to 20-year man Terry Donahue of UCLA. Willingham is taking over for Bill Walsh, who usually has the phrase "Hall of Famer" preceding his name.

Bellotti has an edge on Willingham in one regard. He's been a head coach before—for five seasons at Cal State-Chico before joining Brooks's staff in 1989. His experience in leading a program should help, and so should the fact he presided over the offense of a team that is coming off its first Rose Bowl berth since 1958. But that's a double-edged sword, too. Bellotti is the fifth Pac-10 coach in the last 30 years to take charge of the previous season's league champion. Not one has been able to repeat. Bellotti, whose teams gained more than 4,000 in total offense three times during his stint as the Ducks' offensive coordinator, and averaged 3,961 yards in six seasons, knows what he's getting into.

"There is no question," he said, "that there is a certain amount of pressure taking over for somebody who went to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 37 years. But since the program is not broken, there is a positive pressure to maintain, to continue to achieve at the level our players believe they are capable. That's very important to all of us. We have set a level of expectation now that is higher than it has been in a long time, and that's much better than the alternative, which we also have faced."

And how. A year ago at this time, the young Ducks were coming off a 5-6 season, and were being picked to finish near or at the bottom of the Pac-10.

Expectations were higher at Stanford, where they're much lower now. Despite his credentials, Walsh seemed a little shaky at the helm of the Cardinal last fall. Some thought he was too permissive with his players, which fostered dissension. Permissiveness won't be a problem with Willingham, who's seen as very much a disciplinarian.

"As I understand it, there's one head coach," he said. "As I understand it, my players are listed as Stanford student-athletes. If you approach it in that manner and let the best man win the job, I think it gives your team the best chance to win. What I am interested in doing is establishing an environment in which these guys will feel comfortable about working and trying to be the best they can be. If we can establish that, and do it quickly, then I think we'll be able to let the wins take care of themselves."

Unlike Bellotti, Willingham has no head coaching experience. A former Stanford assistant under Denny Green, he was most recently Green's running backs coach with the Minnesota Vikings. Green doesn't think Willingham will have any trouble adjusting to a college head job, though. "The guy really knows how to take care of business," Green said. "I call it the old ABC of coaching: The A is for an assertive coach; the B for basic teaching, and the C for being consistent."

Now all he has to do is add an F, and make people forget about Bill Walsh.

1995 all-west team

offense

Quarterback..Jake Plummer..JR..Arizona State
Running back..Sharon Shah..JR..UCLA
Running back..Shawn Walters..JR..USC
Wide receiver..Keyshawn Johnson..SR..USC
Wide receiver..Kevin Jordan..JR..UCLA
Tight end..Brian Roche..SR..San Jose State
Line..Jonathan Ogden..SR..UCLA
Line..Norberto Garrido..SR..USC
Line..Brad Badger..JR..Stanford
Line..Juan Roque..JR..Arizona State
Line..Mike Flanagan..SR..UCLA
Place-kicker..Mike Shafer..SR..SW Louisiana

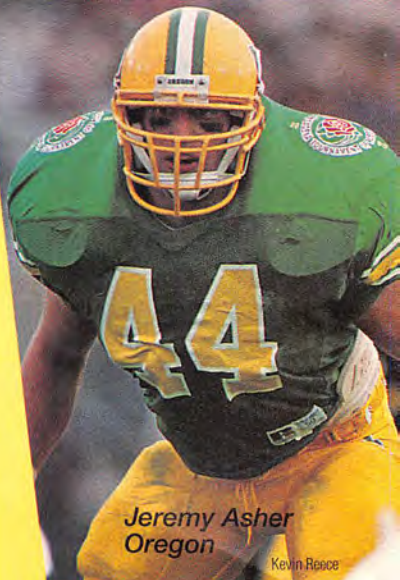
defense

Line..Tedy Bruschi..SR..Arizona
Line..Regan Upshaw..JR..California
Line..Troy Bailey..SR..Oregon
Line..C.J. Rose..SR..Northern Illinois
Linebacker..Donnie Edwards..SR..UCLA
Linebacker..Ink Aleaga..JR..Washington
Linebacker..Jeremy Asher..SR..Oregon
Linebacker..Chris Hayes..SR..Washington State
Back..Brandon Sanders..SR..Arizona
Back..Lawyer Milloy..JR..Washington
Back..Reggie Tongue..SR..Oregon State
Back..Alex Molden..SR..Oregon
Punter..John Stonehouse..SR..USC

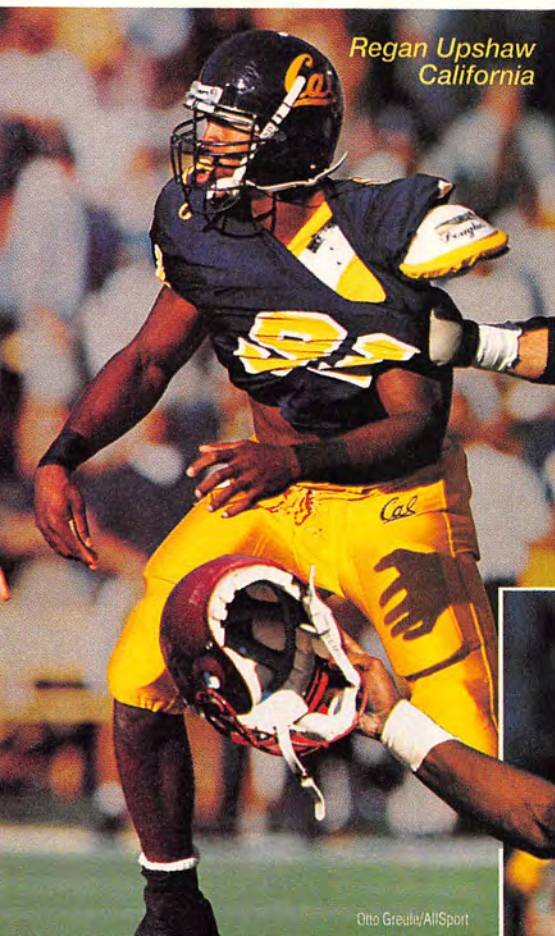
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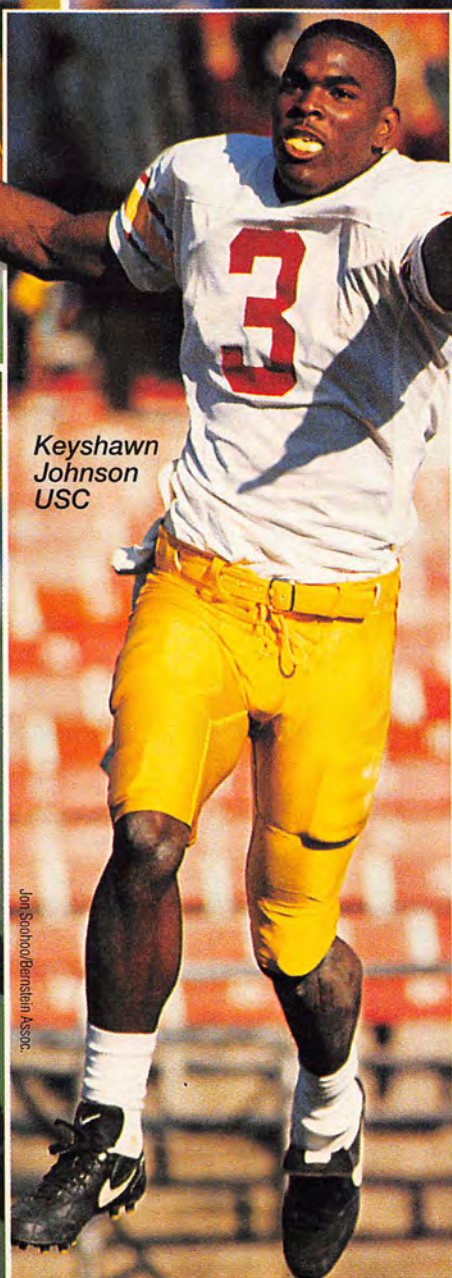
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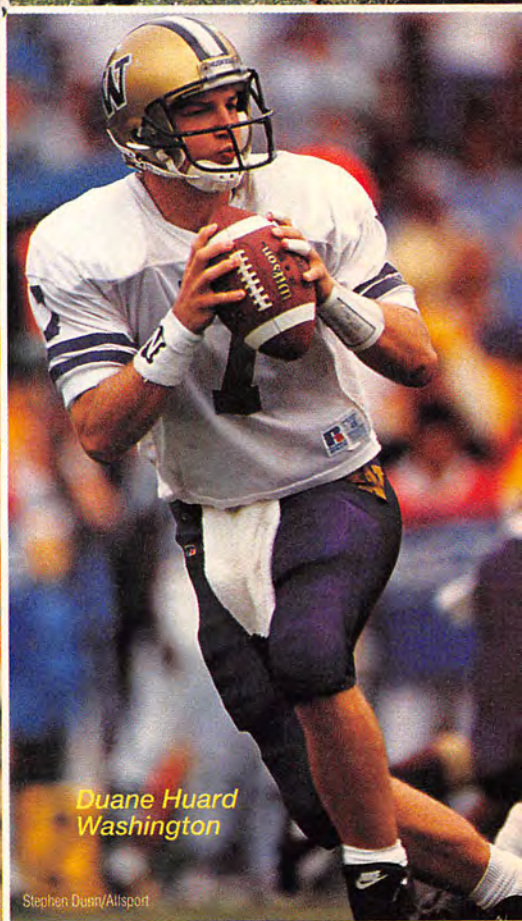
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midwest

by **ANDY BAGNATO** CHICAGO TRIBUNE

● The Big Ten celebrates its centennial in 1995. The nation's oldest conference will look back at some of the men who made it great—Red Grange of Illinois, Benjie Oosterbaan of Michigan, Nile Kinnick of Iowa, and Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy of Ohio State, to name a few. But once they kick off the league's 100th football season, the focus will shift from the glorious past to the school that has been playing football in the conference for only two years. This is the season the league that can't count tries to come to grips with Penn State.

After a solid third-place debut in 1993, the Nittany Lions roared in 1994, all but clinching the conference title and Rose Bowl bid by Halloween. They put up points with ridiculous ease, setting a league scoring record. The Lions blew away Oregon in Pasadena but wound up No. 2 behind Nebraska in the two major polls, a ranking that still rankles in the Big Ten, which hasn't produced a national champion since Ohio State in 1968.

The Rose Bowl is supposed to be the highlight of the season for the Big Ten champs, but last year's game left many in the league with an empty feeling. Some wished Penn State could have had a shot at the Cornhuskers in a national title confrontation that would have meant a nice bonus for every school in the league. Over the offseason there was renewed talk that the Big Ten consider revising its agreement with the Rose Bowl, which expires after the 2000 season, to allow its representative to play for the national title in another bowl.

One thing seems certain: The Nittany Lions won't be the same juggernaut they were last fall. Running back Ki-Jana Carter, quarterback Kerry Collins, and tight end Kyle Brady were selected in the first nine picks of the NFL draft. They had a hand in 49 of Penn State's 76 touchdowns and accounted for 4,574 of the team's 6,152 rushing and passing yards. But it would be a mistake to write Penn State out of the race for the roses. Paterno welcomes back tailback Mike Archie, a budding star, and a pair of wide-outs, Freddie Scott and Bobby Engram, who are among the best in the nation.

So who has the best shot of knocking off the Nittany Lions this year? It will come as little surprise that the league's previous champions, Ohio State and Michigan, have the biggest axes to grind. But both teams have to face Penn State in State College.

If Penn State is merely hoping to hit the "rewind" button on its 1994 highlight film,

Notre Dame is trying to erase any evidence of last season. The Fighting Irish spent the offseason licking the wounds of a 6-5-1 season that ended with a humiliating 41-24 drubbing by Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. It was the most points ever conceded in a bowl by the Irish, and it added fuel to the controversy that they didn't deserve to be in a major bowl in the first place.

Life in 1995 figures to be sweeter for the Irish, who are six years removed from their last national title. For starters, their porous offensive line is expected to be better, which will make redshirt sophomore quarterback Ron Powlus even more effective. And then there's a cupcake-laden schedule that includes confrontations with Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Coast Guard apparently was booked. No one should be surprised to find the Irish in the thick of the national title chase come November.

While the Fighting Irish try to rebuild, another Midwestern independent is merely reloading Division I-AA dynasty Youngstown State goes into 1995 gunning for its third straight national title. With the right players returning for the Penguins on both sides of the ball, it will be an upset if Jim Tressel's team doesn't make a record fifth straight trip to the championship game.

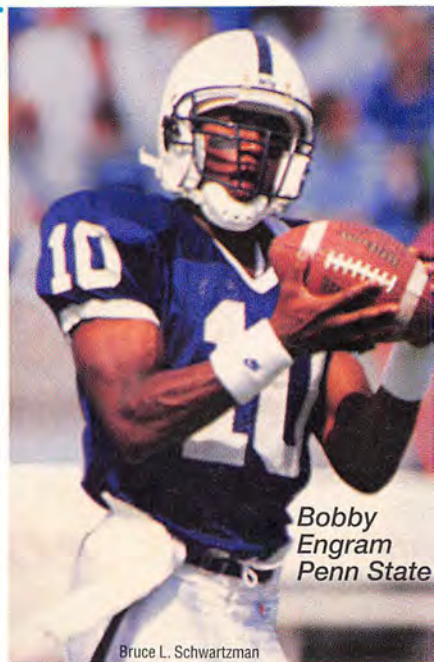
1995 all-midwest team

offense

Quarterback..Ron Powlus..JR..Notre Dame
Running back..Chris Darkins..SR..Minnesota
Running back..Mike Alstott..SR..Purdue
Wide receiver..Bobby Engram..SR..Penn State
Wide receiver..Derrick Mayes..SR..Notre Dame
Tight end..Jay Riemersma..SR..Michigan
Tackle..Orlando Pace..SO..Ohio State
Tackle..Jon Runyan..SR..Michigan
Guard..Matt Purdy..SR..Iowa
Guard..Jeff Hartings..SR..Penn State
Center..Dusty Zeigler..SR..Notre Dame
Place-kicker..Remy Hamilton..JR..Michigan

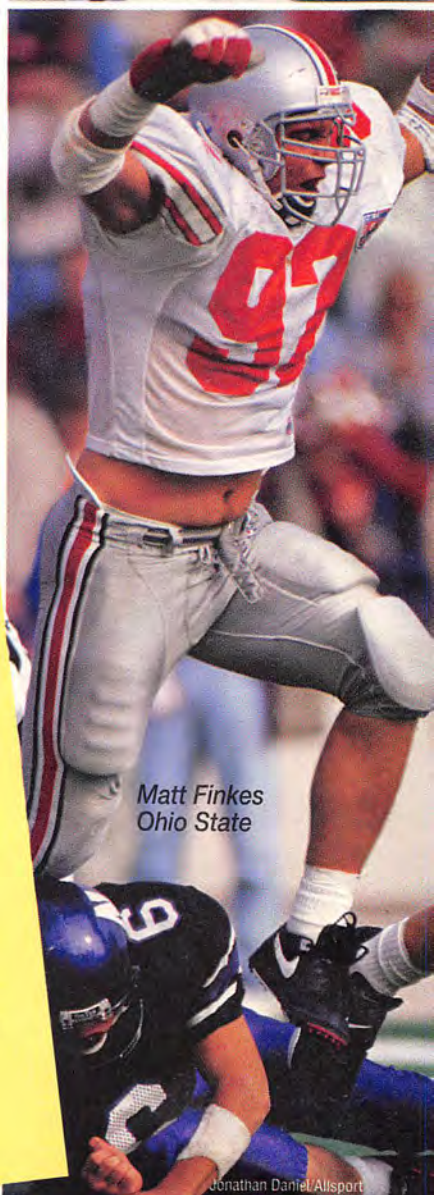
defense

Line..Matt Finkes..JR..Ohio State
Line..Jason Maniecki..SR..Wisconsin
Line..Paul Grismanis..SR..Notre Dame
Linebacker..Simeon Rice..SR..Illinois
Linebacker..Jarrett Irons..JR..Michigan
Linebacker..Kevin Hardy..SR..Illinois
Linebacker..Leon Jones..SR..Youngstown State
Back..Demetrice Martin..SR..Michigan State
Back..Shawn Springs..SO..Ohio State
Back..Antwoine Patton..SR..Illinois
Back..Ty Washington..SR..Illinois
Punter..Brad Maynard..JR..Ball State



Bobby Engram
Penn State

Bruce L. Schwartzman



Matt Finkes
Ohio State

Jonathan Daniel Allsport



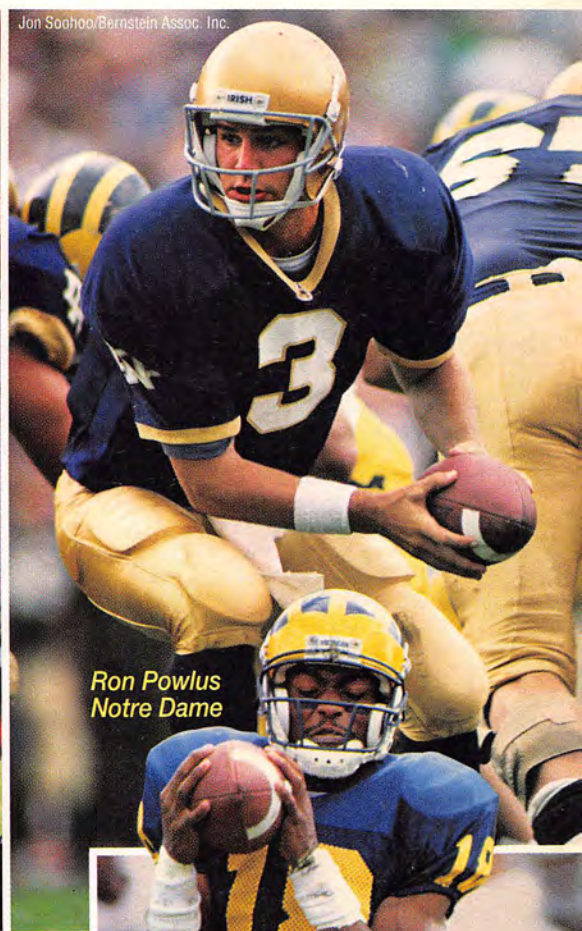
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Division I-AA National Preview

Can anyone stop Youngstown State's bid for a third straight national championship?

by **PETE MOLLICA** YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR

● Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the road to the NCAA Division I-AA national championship went through Richmond, KY. In the mid-1980s that road moved even farther south, to Statesboro, GA, and most recently the path has swung back north between Huntington, WV, and Youngstown, OH.

Eastern Kentucky, under legendary coach Roy Kidd, played in four consecutive I-AA title games (1979-82), winning national crowns in 1979 and '82. From 1985 to 1990 Georgia Southern, under Erk Russell, played in five national title games, winning four times, back-to-back in 1985-86 and again in 1989-90. Ever since that 1990 title game, the I-AA championship trophy has never been north of Youngstown State or farther south than Marshall. Those two schools met three straight years from 1991 through 1993 with YSU winning twice. Last year, the Penguins won their third national title by beating Boise State in a game played in Huntington, 28-14.

A lot of people think that the road to the national title in 1995 will be going through Idaho, more exactly, Boise, Idaho. The Broncos return 19 starters from the

team that lost to Youngstown State in the title game a year ago. The only down side to the Broncos' chances is the health of head coach Pokey Allen, who following the 1994 season was diagnosed with cancer. He has posted a 16-10 record in his two years, including a 13-2 mark last fall.

Boise may have even more incentive than winning a title for coach Allen. This will be the Broncos' final season in I-AA football because in 1996 they become full members of the Division I-A Big West Conference. Boise State only lost one starter on offense and has five all-Big Sky performers returning, including running back K.C. Adams, wide receiver Ryan Ikebe, and quarterback Tony Hilde. Eight returning defensive regulars are led by All-America back Rashid Gayle.

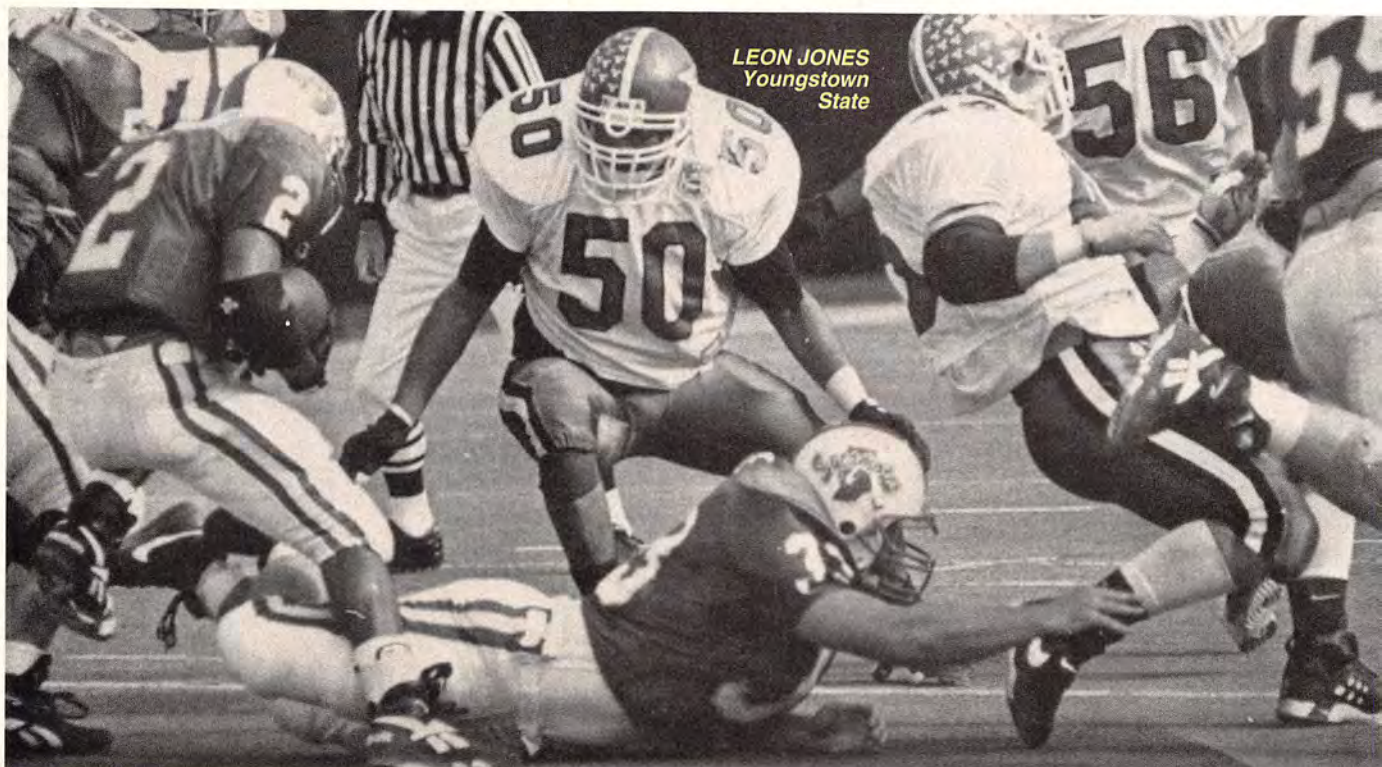
Jim Tressel, head coach of Youngstown State, has been nothing short of sensational over the past five seasons as he has led his team to four national championship games, three national titles, and a record of 61-9-2 in the

Top 25

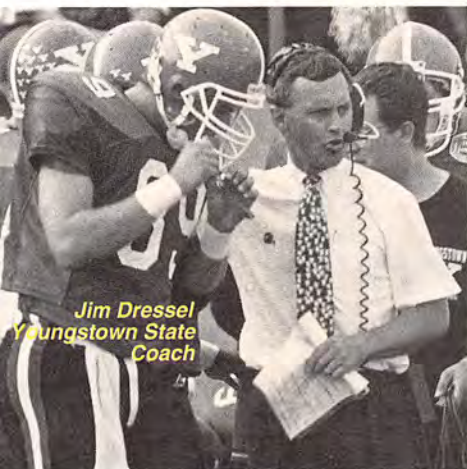
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| 1. Boise State | 14. Troy State |
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| 3. Appalachian State | 16. Georgia Southern |
| 4. Eastern Kentucky | 17. New Hampshire |
| 5. Youngstown State | 18. Illinois State |
| 6. James Madison | 19. Northern Arizona |
| 7. Idaho | 20. Liberty |
| 8. Marshall | 21. Indiana State |
| 9. Montana | 22. Southern |
| 10. Northern Iowa | 23. Western Carolina |
| 11. Delaware | 24. Hofstra |
| 12. Central Florida | 25. Western Illinois |
| 13. Stephen F. Austin | |

1990s to rank as the winningest coach in either Division I-A or I-AA over that span. YSU has played 15 games in each of the last four seasons. "Last year's senior class played in 60 football games during their career, something that is unheard of in Division I-A," Tressel said. "The excitement and the passion to be national champions again has grasped the entire Youngstown community. It certainly doesn't get any easier when every I-AA team in the country would like nothing better than to knock you off each week."

Whether the Penguins can win a third straight will depend on just how quickly Tressel can replace an entire offensive line, a complete defensive backfield, and one of the leading rushers and scorers in all of I-AA football last year. Just two starters return on offense, but one of them is senior quarterback Mark Brun-



LEON JONES
Youngstown
State



Jim Dressel
Youngstown State
Coach

gard, who in his last two years has taken the Penguins to two straight national championships and a record of 27-2-1. As a redshirt freshman, Brungard was the backup when the Penguins lost to Marshall in the 1992 championship game.

As good as Brungard is on offense, his counterpart on the other side of the ball, senior linebacker Leon Jones, might be even better. A 6-0, 220-pound inside linebacker, Jones was voted the top defensive player in all of I-AA a year ago and was one of only two I-AA players to be nominated for the prestigious Butkus Award, which goes to the nation's outstanding linebacker.



Chris Parker
Marshall

Boise and YSU are not shoo-ins for a rematch in the title game by any means, since there are at least another dozen teams that all have goals of getting to Huntington again in December. One of those teams is the host of the I-AA title game for the last three years and this coming year, Marshall. The Herd lost to Boise State, 28-24, in the semifinal round last year or could have met YSU for the fourth straight time.

Marshall, which has dominated play in the Southern Conference along with Georgia Southern over the years, returns All-America tailback Chris Parker, who is the Herd's career rushing leader (4,091 yards) and needs only 656 yards to become the all-time leading rusher in the 75-year history of the Southern Conference. If Parker isn't enough, the Herd also features All-America candidates in junior defensive back Melvin Cunningham, offensive tackle William Pannell, and defensive tackle Billy Lyon.

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Dave Dickenson, SR, Montana
RB Chris Parker, SR, Marshall
RB Rene Ingoglia, SR, Massachusetts
WR Dedric Ward, JR, Northern Iowa
WR Reggie Barlow, SR, Alabama State
TE Ed Perry, JR, James Madison
OT William Pannell, SR, Marshall
OT Jim Mills, SR, Idaho
OG James Hand, SR, Eastern Kentucky
OG Alex Toyos, SR, Boise State
OC Wes Greenwell, SR, Western Carolina
PK Jim Richter, SR, Furman
KR Todd Cleveland, SO, Central Florida

DEFENSE

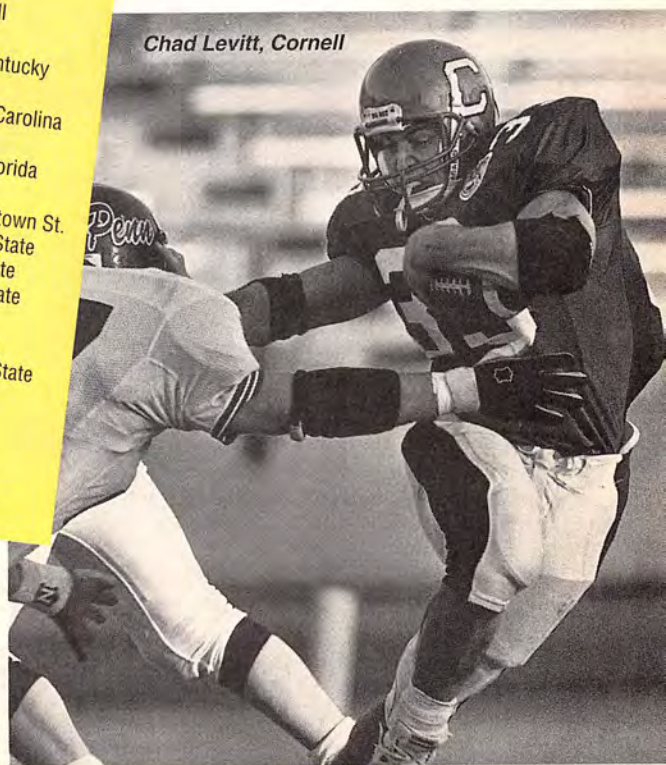
DE Jermaine Hopkins, SR, Youngstown St.
DE Dan Brandenburg, SR, Indiana State
DT Chip Miller, SR, Appalachian State
LB Leon Jones, SR, Youngstown State
LB Tyrone Frazie, SR, Villanova
LB Stacy Ellis, SR, Northern Arizona
LB Vincent Landnam, SR, McNeese State
CB Richard Young, SR, Troy State
CB Rashid Gayle, SR, Boise State
S Brian Clark, SR, Hofstra
S Zack Bronson, JR, McNeese State
P Allan Guinn, JR, Appalachian State

While Marshall won the conference with a 7-1 record and finished 12-2 overall in 1994, Appalachian State appears to be the team to beat in 1995. The Mountaineers were 6-2 in the SC and 9-4 on the year before losing to Boise State (17-14) in the I-AA quarterfinals. Appalachian State has 19 regulars returning, eight on offense, nine on defense, and both kickers.

Idaho and Montana figure to give Boise State a run for the Big Sky title. The Vandals will have their fourth new head coach in 15 years this season as Chris Tormey takes over the reigns. He was the former defensive coordinator of the University of Washington. Montana may just have the best all-round quarterback in the Big Sky, if not the nation, in senior Dave Dickenson. According to Grizzly coach Don Read, "Our success in 1995 will depend on who steps forth to complement him."

Also in the Big Sky, Northern Arizona has what it feels is the best quarterback prospect in the country in senior Jeff Lewis, whom coach Steve Axman compares to two other outstanding quarterbacks he once coached, Neil O'Donnell and Troy Aikman. "Jeff has a little bit of both of those guys in him," Axman said.

Other league contenders include McNeese State of the Southland Conference, which was 10-3 a year ago along with another member, Stephen F. Austin. McNeese just might be the team to make



Chad Levitt, Cornell

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Mark Brungard, SR, Youngstown State
RB Arnold Mickens, SR, Butler
RB K.C. Adams, SR, Boise State
WR Ryan Ikebe, JR, Boise State
WR Miles Macik, SR, Pennsylvania
TE Matt Harken, SR, Northern Iowa
OT Bob Hall, SR, Troy State
OT Dave Fiore, SR, Hofstra
OG Chris Tabscott, SR, Central Florida
OG Elliot Womack, SR, Grambling
OC Luke Hake, SR, SE Missouri State
PK Jose Larios, SR, McNeese State
KR Buck Phillips, SR, Western Illinois

DEFENSE

DE Ryan Phillips, JR, Idaho
DE Kavika Pittman, SR, McNeese State
DT Billy Lyon, JR, Marshall
LB Dexter Coakley, JR, Appalachian State
LB David Long, JR, Liberty
LB Chris Stevens, SR, Illinois State
LB Kenya Rounds, SR, Southern
CB Melvin Cunningham, JR, Marshall
CB Marvin Brown, SR, Cal St. Sacramento
S Doug Popovich, SR, San Diego
S Frank Spraggins, SO, Western Illinois
P Kevin O'Leary, SR, Northern Arizona

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a run for the title. The Cowboys have won 20 games the past two seasons and have 44 lettermen, including three All-Americans, back: linebacker Vincent Landrum, safety Zack Bronson, and kicker Jose Larios. The school's all-time total offense leader, quarterback Kerry Joseph also returns. The Cowboys won't have to wait very long to find out just how good they are since they host Youngstown State on September 21. McNeese has landed three transfers, including tackles Brandon Joe (6-7, 290) and Adam Clark (6-5, 290).

The Yankee Conference will have a say in the national championship run in 1995, especially defending champion New Hampshire (hit hard by graduation), which lost in overtime to Marshall, and James Madison. Four Yankee teams finished in the I-AA top 25 last year and a fifth, Delaware, was close behind. James Madison lost in overtime to Marshall in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, 28-21.

Eastern Kentucky should be the best team once again in the Ohio Valley Con-

ference, and was probably the youngest team to make the playoffs last season. The Colonels finished 10-3, but two of those losses were to Youngstown State, and both by less than a touchdown. They'll be seeking their third straight OVC title and enter '95 with 21 consecutive league victories and 57 of their last 60 dating back to 1986. The Colonels return 15 starters from the squad that finished the season No. 5 in the nation, and for the second year in a row have added a Division I-A transfer to bolster the offense. Last year it was former Penn State quarterback John Sacca; this time it is ex-Kentucky running back Daymon Carter.

Over in the Gateway Conference, defending champion Northern Iowa and Indiana State appear to be the teams with the most talent in 1995. The Panthers have 14 starters back from a team that was 6-0 in the conference and 8-4 overall, losing to Montana (23-20) in the first round of the playoffs. They return their two top running backs and one of the best receivers in the country in

See Lions and Tigers and even a Bear



John Cappelletti, Halfback,
Penn State Nittany Lions 1971-73.
Inducted 1992.



Pat Sullivan, Quarterback,
Auburn Tigers 1969-71. Inducted 1991.

Paul "Bear" Bryant, Coach,
Alabama 1958-82. Inducted 1986.



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Dedric Ward. Jeff Stovall rushed for nearly 1,000 yards a year ago. Indiana State, was just 5-6 in '94, but the Sycamores return 16 starters, including one of the most talented running backs in I-AA in senior David Wright and a strong defensive end with All-America qualities in Dan Brandenburg.

Besides Youngstown State, the top independents are Central Florida, Troy State, Liberty, and Hofstra. Central Florida is another of those teams which probably will be playing its final season in I-AA before moving on up to I-A. For the Golden Knights the big problem is just where they are going to go when they move up.

Unless you are Notre Dame, the independent route isn't all that lucrative in Division I-A. In I-AA, however, teams such as Youngstown State and Troy State have found the going very rewarding. YSU, for example, is the winningest school in either I-A or I-AA with a 61-9-2 record in the decade. (Florida State is second, at 54-7-1.) Two other I-AA teams rank in the top 10 in victories: Marshall (52-18) and Eastern Kentucky (49-14).

Georgia Southern is the all-time leader in I-AA national championships, with four, while Youngstown State is next with three. Eastern Kentucky, with two, is the only other I-AA school with more than one. No school has ever won three consecutive championships; Youngstown State might be the only team ever to even have a chance at it. It would be safe to say that the Penguins' Mark Brunard is the first starting quarterback ever to have the opportunity to take his team to three consecutive title games.

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Division II National Preview

North Alabama could become the first Division II team to win three straight national titles.

by **GREGG DEWALT** FLORENCE (AL) TIMES-DAILY

● Nobody was quite sure what to expect from **NORTH ALABAMA** after it won its first national championship in 1993. Sure the title was nice. Nobody around the Quad Cities area of northwest Alabama was complaining after the Lions won their first-ever football national crown. But in the world of Deep South football, a "what have you done for me lately?" attitude prevails.

So Bobby Wallace and the Lions went out and repeated the feat in 1994, knocking off Texas A&M-Kingsville, 16-10, in the title game to cap a 13-1 season. And now in 1995 the Lions have a chance to enter the most uncharted of waters among Division II competition. With 19 starters back, UNA has the opportunity to make it back-to-back-to-back championships. Two other teams have gone after three straight championships (Southwest Texas State 1981-82, North Dakota State 1985-86)—and both failed. Perhaps neither was as loaded with weapons as this UNA squad. The Lions have 18 regulars and one kicker back from a team which suffered its only loss (17-14) to Youngstown State, the team that captured the Division I-AA championship.

There is no question that Lions fever rages across the region. But the two national championships have brought the expectation of a third. It adds up to an unbelievable amount of pressure for the Lions. None of it is lost on Wallace, who has seen the bad at UNA along with the success in his seven years as head coach. "It doesn't have to be stressed—everybody in the program realizes what we could accomplish," Wallace said. "There is more pressure this year than last year."

The 1994 championship team differed from the '93 title squad in a variety of ways. It played better defense but didn't have the explosiveness offensively. The 1995 team should be a combination of both. Senior quarterback Cody Gross (12 TDs rushing, 5 passing) is the Jay Barker of Division II. That is, he may not be flashy, but there's no arguing with the results. UNA has won 27 of his last 28 starts, including 27 straight against Division II competition and eight straight playoff games. For all the accomplishments, Gross did not even make the all-Gulf South Conference team. But with Harlon Hill Trophy winner Chris Hatcher (Valdosta State) gone, that should change this year.

UNA must find a couple of new running backs. While the faces may change, the results never seem to change in Wallace's triple-option attack. Whoever is running the ball will do it behind three returning linemen, including All-America candidate Jon Thompson. Tight end Jarius Hayes blocks as well as anyone

and may have the best hands on the team. The Lions rarely throw, but when they do, Michael Edwards (48 catches, 955 yards, 8 TDs) usually is on the receiving end. He was instrumental in UNA's 32 ppg scoring average.

If the Lions were good offensively, they were even better on defense. They blanked three opponents and held three others to seven points. UNA seemingly has pro prospects all over the field, but none better than linebackers Ronald McKinnon and Keith Humphrey. McKinnon (159 tackles) was the GSC Defensive Player of the Year. Humphrey added 138 hits and had a team-high 21 tackles for losses. If everything goes right for the Lions, there is a good chance they will make Division II history in December at Braly Stadium.

North Alabama has had its share of close calls during its two-year reign. One team that almost ended the run before it started was **INDIANA (PA)**, which could be a major stumbling block again this fall. The Indians got off to a slow start in '94 before rebounding to win nine straight. A semifinal playoff loss to Texas-A&M-Kingsville ended IUP's bid for a rematch with UNA in the championship game. Coach Frank Cignetti has a wealth of talent returning, including 17 starters and six first-team all-conference selections. IUP won a fifth straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship and reached the national semifinals for the fifth time in six seasons and should be better this season. Tailback Dennis Robinson piled up 1,597 rushing yards and 18 TDs after transferring from Kent. He had 10 straight 100-yard games while averaging 122.8 yards. When Robinson wasn't running wild, Taun Henderson and Mario Hardison were combining to catch 73 passes and 15 TDs. Guard Chris Villarrial will take up some of the slack from the loss of three offensive linemen. The Indians could be a dominant defensive squad, needing to replace only Snow Bowl participants Michael Callahan and Andre Hilliard. Nose tackle Jeff Turnage (8 sacks) anchors the line and Omar Stewart and Mike Marshall the line-backing corps. The kicking game is also solid with Jon Ruff handling the placements and John McGhee the punting (41.4).

NORTH DAKOTA STATE always seems to be lurking somewhere in the national championship picture and 1995 should be no different. Fifteen starters are back from last year's co-championship team in the North Central Conference. The Bison made it to the quarterfinals in the playoffs before dropping a 14-7 decision to rival North Dakota. All-America center Brad Servais rejoins three other regulars on the offensive line. The unit shouldn't

have

much trouble protecting junior quarterback Rob Hyland (25 rushing TDs, 23 passing TDs in two seasons) or opening holes for running back Jake Morris (975 yards). Coach Rocky Hager has some rebuilding to do on defense. Kelly Greger is the best lineman and linebacker Gunar Gossard leads the linebackers. The secondary is solid with the top eight players returning, including All-America candidate Tim Jacobsen.

With just nine starters back from last year's 10-1 squad, it could be difficult for **PITTSBURG STATE** to come up with a winning record, let alone challenge for a national championship. But the Gorillas have a tradition of success (110-13-1 since 1985). Coach Chuck Broyles (57-7-1) refuses to accept a letdown. "Even though we can be proud of what we've accomplished during the last 10 years, it's in the past," Broyles said. "It's time to work on 1995 and work hard to not only win a conference championship and make the playoffs, but to advance, hopefully all the way back to Florence." Versatile quarterback Jeff Moreland is 18-1-1 as a starter. He had a team-high 666 yards rushing and threw 9 TD passes last fall. Michael Mayfield, the team's No. 2 rusher (644 yards) is also back. Tackle Phil Schepens provides stability on a line that lost three players to graduation. Broyles needs to replace seven starters on defense, but safety Chris Brown and cornerback Jason Gorman, who combined for 10 interceptions, will ensure that passing yards will be hard to come by against the Gorillas.

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE came within seven points of its first Division II championship and is favored to win the Lone Star Conference again. If the Javelinas are to return to the playoffs, they'll have to find replacements for quarterback Joe Menchaca, running backs Louis Fite and Dexter Deese, and eight key defenders. Coach Ron Harms always seems to find replacements, though. Leading rusher Wesley Whiten returns along with quarterback Wilson Scott, who started the national championship game against North Alabama, and punter Kevin Thornewell (44.6), who didn't have enough kicks to qualify for inclusion in the NCAA statistics. Kevin Dogins is a returning All-America on the defensive line. Johnnie Freeman intercepted five passes for the Javelinas, who would like nothing more than to return to Florence and finish the job.

CARSON-NEWMAN remains the class of the South Atlantic Conference and it could be time for the Eagles to make a serious run at a national championship. North

Top 25

1. North Alabama
2. Indiana (PA)
3. North Dakota State
4. Pittsburg State
5. Texas A&M-Kingsville
6. Carson-Newman
7. Ferris State
8. Portland State
9. Albany State
10. Northeast Missouri
11. North Dakota
12. Grand Valley
13. Norfolk
14. Central Arkansas
15. Edinboro
16. Western State
17. New Haven
18. West Georgia
19. Bloomsburg
20. Mankato State
21. Eastern New Mexico
22. Saginaw Valley
23. Missouri Southern
24. Angelo State
25. Hillsdale

Alabama has kept Carson-Newman from advancing past the first round of the playoffs in each of the past two seasons by a total of 14 points, including last year's 17-13 nail-biter. This season the Eagles have 14 starters back from an 8-3 team, including 10 all-SAC performers. Quarterback Pop Williams will again direct the offense, which features two premier running backs in Wayne Morton and Ronel Saintvil and wide receivers Dexter Thomas and Kendall James. The defense has four players who made All-America, including nose guard Steve Mellon, a first-team selection.

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Aaron Sparrow, Norfolk State
RB Fred Lane, Lane College
RB Richard Huntley, Winston-Salem
WR James Roe, Norfolk State
WR Brian Penecale, West Chester
TE Clarence Benford, Albany State
OL Jon Thompson, North Alabama
OL Kevin Dogins, Texas A&M-Kingsville
OL Phil Schepens, Pittsburg State
OL Brad Servais, North Dakota State
OL Chris Villarial, Indiana
PK Scott Doyle, Chadron State

DEFENSE

DL Jeff Turnage, Indiana
DL Steve Mellon, Carson-Newman
DL Pat Schuster, Edinboro
DL Marcus Keyes, North Alabama
LB Ronald McKinnon, North Alabama
LB Mike Brooks, Ferris State
LB Jeff Bockert, Portland State
LB Tim Postema, Grand Valley
DB Conrad Hamilton, Eastern New Mexico
DB Scott Elwer, Hillsdale
DB James Cheatham, North Dakota
DB Jeremiah Kennedy, Ashland
P John McGhee, Indiana

It's no wonder why **FERRIS STATE** is again the team to beat in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference. The Bulldogs are undefeated in their last 29 regular season games and have won three straight conference championships. This year coach Keith Otterbein must find a replacement for All-America running back Tyree Dye. But quarterback Bill Love completed a school-record 57 percent of his passes in '94 and is primed for a stellar senior season. On defense, linebacker Mike Brooks had 88 solo tackles and was in on 84 others.

PORTLAND STATE will never be accused of padding its schedule. The Vikings have only one team on their schedule with a losing record last year. Teams on the road schedule include Division II runner-up Texas A&M-Kingsville, I-AA runner-up Boise State, and I-AA quarterfinalist McNeese State.

Coach Tim Walsh will try to get back into the playoffs for the eighth time in nine years with 13 returning regulars, including quarterback Kyle Allen, four offensive linemen, and all four linebackers. Walsh must find a replacement for Darick Holmes and his 17 TDs and 1,388 rushing yards.

ALBANY STATE earned a measure of respect for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference when it nearly upset Valdosta State in the first round of the playoffs. The Rams have dominated the SIAC with back-to-back titles and will have 14 starters back. Senior Sultan Cooper ranked third in Division II passing efficiency. One of his favorite targets is 260-pound tight end Clarence Benford. Also back is Antonio Leroy, the SIAC Player of the Year. The Rams face an immediate test, opening the season on the road at North Alabama.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI came close to unseating Pitt State from the top spot in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. After winning eight straight games to open the season, the Bulldogs dropped a 13-10 decision at Pitt State and went on to lose two more, including an 18-6 verdict at North Dakota in the first round of the playoffs. With 17 starters back, including 10 from an offense that averaged nearly 37 points in its eight-game win streak, the Bulldogs should again make a run at a league title. Junior running back Jarrett Anderson gained 1,428 yards and was a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist.

NORTH DAKOTA has enjoyed consecutive conference co-championships in the powerful NCC and the Fighting Sioux should be in the hunt for a third title. They bowed from the playoffs in the semifinals, but with 15 starters back are primed for another post-season berth. Nose guard Mark Callahan earned a slew of awards as the leader of a unit that forced 35 turnovers and limited opponents to 12.7 ppg. James Cheatham had six interceptions and Tim Tibesar heads the linebackers. The offense will be strong with Kevin Klancher taking over at quarterback. All-NCC receiver Jeff McElroy should be on the other end of most of Klancher's passes.

GRAND VALLEY keeps churning out good teams year after year. Two of the Lakers' four losses in '95 were to Indiana (PA) by a total of 10 points. Grand Valley scored 50 touchdowns while leading the Midwest Football Conference in total offense for the fifth straight year. Darnell Jamison ran for 1,022 yards and Kwame McKinnon threw 20 touchdown passes. Also in the quarterback picture is Eric Stover, who threw 16 TD passes in '93. Kevin Gee, a 290-pound tackle, provides experience on the offensive line.

NORFOLK STATE'S chances in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference hinge on the pass-catch combination of Aaron "Airin" Sparrow and James Roe. Sparrow threw 31 touchdown passes and piled up 3,212 yards and has already eclipsed the school record for total offense in a mere 28 games. His best game came against Win-

ston-Salem when he threw for 516 yards and seven TDs. Roe has averaged 5.6 catches through 31 games. Last fall he led the CIAA in seven offensive categories and broke conference records for catches (77), TDs (17), and receiving yards (1,454).

CENTRAL ARKANSAS is finally eligible for the playoffs after waiting two years after making the move to Division II from the NAIA. The Bears won eight of 10 games, with one of the losses to North Alabama by seven points. Coach Mike Isom has 15 starters back, including a pair of 300-pound linemen in Nick Newman and Bobby Harvill. Finding replacements for three members of the secondary is his biggest problem.

EDINBORO led the PSAC in rushing with over 250 yards per game on the way to a 7-3 record and should do so again as the offensive line returns intact. The defense will be led by end Pat Schuster and linebacker Michael Sims.

WESTERN STATE is going after its fourth Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title with 13 regulars back. After three years in the program, junior quarterback Jason Davis will get his chance. In one start during his freshman season, Davis threw for 346 yards and six touchdowns against Western Montana College. Free safety Kurt Clay and Brent Tollar combined for 192 tackles and five interceptions.

NEW HAVEN has been a top 10 team in recent years with Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Roger Graham in the lineup. Graham and eight other offensive starters must be replaced by second-year coach Tony Sparano. Michael Joseph is the top contender to take over for Graham, who ran for 5,953 yards and 70 TDs in his four-year career. While the offense rebuilds, the Chargers will rely on linebacker Scott Riggs and back Michael Brown to spark the defense.

WEST GEORGIA could be on the verge of joining the elite teams in the Gulf South Conference. Southern Methodist transfer quarterback Mark Eldred spent his first year learning the Braves' system and still threw 15 touchdown passes. With a defense that features 11 returning starters, the Braves should challenge for the GSC title.

BLOOMSBURG was the co-champion in the PSAC East Division and should battle West Chester for the same honor again. Mike Johnson ran for 1,007 yards, thanks in part to some bruising blocks thrown by backfield mate Syheed Brooks, who is considered an NFL prospect at fullback. Quarterback Glen McNamee led the conference in pass efficiency, completing nearly 60 percent.

MANKATO STATE won its last five games to finish tied for third in the NCC and could be even better this year. Coach Dan Runkle must find replacements for wide receiver Josh Nelsen and two-time All-America linebacker Stephen Henley. But quarterback John Heben set a school record for passing yardage in a game (417) and the NCC mark for passing yardage (3,006 yards) in a season.

If **EASTERN NEW MEXICO** plans to challenge in the Lone Star Conference, expect defensive back Conrad Hamilton to be in the middle of things. Hamilton had four interceptions, broke up 10 passes, blocked three kicks, recovered three fumbles, and had four sacks last fall. ENMU has 18 starters back from a 6-4-1 team and should better its 1-3-1 LSC record.

SAGINAW VALLEY wasn't very far away from challenging for the MIFC title in '94, losing to Ferris State and Grand Valley by a total of nine points. This year, expect the Robert Reaves-Charles Davis combination to click even more than last season's five times per-game average.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN dipped from 9-1-1 in 1993 to 5-5 last season but should rebound behind running back Albert Bland, who rushed for a division-record 223 yards in one half against Washburn. Bland finished with 321 yards and five TDs. Bland got most of his 1,511 yards running behind guard Yancy McKnight, a first-team all-MIAA selection.

ANGELO STATE finished second in the LSC but must replace its quarterback and both wide receivers, a tall order for a team that led the conference in passing. Coach Jerry Vandergriff also wants to improve a

running attack that was last in the league. But there is still plenty of talent on the roster, including linebacker Greg Stokes and cornerback Valery Jackson.

Hillsdale won six of its last seven games to finish third in the MIFC. Free safety Scot Elwer had 10 interceptions for a defense which finished 11th nationally.

OTHERS TO WATCH

There are plenty of other teams that could crack the top 25 this season and a few that might even make it to the 16-team playoffs.

In the East, West Chester finished as co-champion in the PSAC East, while Millersville is making a habit of finishing 8-2. East Stroudsburg has one of the top place-kickers in Matt Seagraves, along with two fine linebackers in Joe Menton and Tim Green.

Bentley, of the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference, has the nation's longest winning streak (28). Mike Rymsha has never lost as the Falcons' starting quarterback (17-0).

Fort Valley State must overcome the loss of cornerback Tyrone Poole to the NFL if it is to make inroads toward a SIAC title. Tuskegee has 18 starters back from a 6-5 team that finished second to Albany State. Mars Hill (7-4) had its first winning season in

the '90s and could challenge Carson-Newman for supremacy in the South Atlantic Conference with 12 regulars returning.

Coach Lou Anderson thinks Virginia State is ready for a breakthrough season in the CIAA after it went 7-3 a year ago. Bo Morgan just missed the 1,000-yard mark and a big season from him could be just what the Trojans need.

It seems like just about anyone could win the NCC title. Northern Colorado must replace 15 starters but always has plenty of available talent. St. Cloud State has nine starters back on defense from a 6-4 team that challenged in the conference all the way into November. South Dakota State was ranked in the top 20 for five weeks, but lost three All-America players.

In the West, Fort Hays will try to avoid last year's slow start that resulted in a 5-5-1 record (and second-place finish in the RMAC at 5-1-1). Senior linebacker Jose Salcido has led the team in tackles the past two seasons. If Western State and Fort Hays falter, look for Chadron State to represent the RMAC in the playoffs. The Eagles won nine games and feature tailback Corey Campbell (1,443 yards).

In the Midwest, Ashland has 10 defensive starters returning on a team that traditionally plays great defense. □



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Division III National Preview

Albion remains the team to beat as it defends its first national championship.

by **MIKE GOENS** FLORENCE (AL) TIMES-DAILY

● The southern Michigan community of Albion got a taste of the good life last year, a treat offered to few cities in the NCAA Division III fraternity. For the first time, **ALBION COLLEGE** brought home the national football championship, ending an impressive run with a one-sided victory in the title game and a 13-0 record. Having won six consecutive conference titles, Albion was hardly a doormat in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. But the Britons had never enjoyed national success prior to last season. In fact, they had only one NCAA playoff victory entering the '94 postseason.

The goal will be to repeat, but coach Pete Schmidt knows his team will be hunt-

History is not on Albion's side. No Division III team has won back-to-back titles since Augustana's record-setting run of four straight that ended in 1986. Schmidt and many of his colleagues agree that the competition has never been greater in Division III. They say more than a dozen teams have legitimate chances to win the national crown.

Nevertheless, the team to beat will be Albion, which returns 17 starters. If the Britons can find an adequate replacement in the backfield, they could be even better in '95. The defense which surrendered 13.2 points per game returns eight starters. Junior safety David Lefere is a big-play specialist, having recorded 12 interceptions and 73 tackles last season. Defensive linemen D.J. Rehberg and Dennis Wacławski also have All-America credentials.

Junior quarterback Kyle Klein is back after providing the spark that put the Britons over the top last year. He was inserted into the starting lineup in the third game and promptly went on to rank among the national leaders in passing efficiency, completing 54 percent for 2,118 yards and 18 TDs. He added 384 rushing yards. Chris Barnett was on the receiving end of 56 of those passes. The line returns all but one regular.

Perhaps the stiffest challenge to unseat Albion will come from **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON**, last year's runner-up. The Presidents fell behind Albion early on a soggy field in last year's title game and never recovered. But with 18 players back who started in that game, Washington & Jefferson is on a mission this fall.

The Presidents, 11-2 last season, were also runner-up in '92 and were eliminated in the semifinals in '93. They have appeared in nine of the last 11 playoffs. Like Albion, Washington & Jefferson should be strong defensively with eight starters back from a squad that led Division III by yielding only 165.3 yards of total offense per game. Linebacker Brian O'Malley had 112 tackles. Offensively, the Presidents have an impressive one-two punch in quarterback Jason Baer and running back Jake Williams. Baer passed for 1,929 yards and 25 touchdowns and Williams rushed for 1,285 yards. Six of the top seven offensive linemen return.

CENTRAL COLLEGE also has the kind of credentials that are often associated with national title contenders. The Flying Dutchmen, winners of 20 conference crowns under coach Ron Schipper's direction, were 10-1 last season and have a senior-rich class returning. Defense is Central's forte. The Dutch pitched five shutouts last fall and return seven starters, including senior linebackers Rick Sanger and Dan

Top 25

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| 1. Albion | 13. Union (NY) |
| 2. Washington & Jefferson | 14. Rowan |
| 3. Central (IA) | 15. Baldwin-Wallace |
| 4. Widener | 16. Wilkes |
| 5. Wisconsin-LaCrosse | 17. Dickinson |
| 6. Saint John's (MN) | 18. Allegheny |
| 7. Mount Union | 19. Wartburg |
| 8. Coe | 20. Worcester State |
| 9. Trinity (TX) | 21. Beloit |
| 10. Cortland State | 22. Guilford |
| 11. Centre | 23. Hanover |
| 12. Augustana (IL) | 24. Plymouth State |
| | 25. Maine Maritime |

Zimmerman. The offense will build around Mark Kacmarynski, who gained 1,971 yards while averaging 7.4 per carry.

WIDENER has standouts on both sides of the ball and should be the class of the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Pioneers are coming off a 9-1 mark and the 17 returning starters in camp are eager for a shot to prove themselves on the national level. The offense will turn to quarterback Vic Ameye for leadership. He completed 61.5 percent of his passes before going down with a knee injury six games into the season. His replacement, Brian Greene, also performed well. Across the line, Antonio Moore led the nation with 13 interceptions, while linebacker Blaise Coleman had 102 stops.

WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE has been a model of consistency in recent times and the Eagles hope to bring everything together at the same time this year. The Eagles have eight starters back on offense and defense as they try to improve upon an 8-2 record. Despite being unable to climb to the top of the division, don't expect head coach Roger Harring to make numerous changes in philosophy. "If you get a little bump on the head, you don't necessarily have to have brain surgery," Harring said. "We believe in what we're doing, and I think there's a special focus on this team." Quarterback Craig Kusick is back after throwing for 2,369 yards and 25 touchdowns with just six interceptions in 275 throws. Running backs Trevor Rodgers and Jason Tarkowski complement Kusick and four of the five starting linemen return. The defense is strong against the run, with Michael Ivey and Dan Kloepping leading the way.

There is generally one given in Division III: **SAINT JOHN'S** is going to be near the top when the season is over. The Johnnies lost in the national semifinals in the last two playoffs. There will be added incentive this year as legendary coach John Gagliardi tries to move into second place on the all-time list. He needs seven to surpass Paul "Bear" Bryant and then he will take aim at Grambling's Eddie Robinson. Gagliardi has 317 victories. The offense, critical during the 11-2 season, will be potent again despite the loss of six starters. Kurt Ramler, who began last year as the third-team quarterback, passed for 30 TDs and 2,623 yards. He rejoins Chris Palmer, who caught 53 of those passes for 1,051 yards, and 300-pound lineman Brandon Schultz.



MARK KACMARYNSKI
Central

ed this year by every team that wants a piece of the defending champions. "We've talked about repeating and we have good players coming back who should make us competitive," he said. "But it's going to be mighty tough. It's tough on any level, but to repeat in Division III is a tremendous challenge. Division III coaches never know who will show up for that first practice from one year to the next. With no scholarships, a coach cannot control his talent level. In Division III, the players are here to get an education first."

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Terry Peebles, SR, Hanover
RB Rob Marchitello, SR, Maine Maritime
RB Mark Kacmarynski, SR, Central
OL Todd Alcock, SR, Adrian
OL Brian Campbell, SR, Dickinson
OL Greg Rosinski, SR, Rose-Hulman
OL Mike Robinson, SR, Coe
OL Casey Sivier, SR, Albion
TE Ryan Thomas, SR, St. Thomas
WR Chris Palmer, JR, Saint John's
WR Tory Strock, SR, Bluffton
PK Chris Kondik, SO, Baldwin-Wallace

DEFENSE

DL Vince Penningroth, SR, Wartburg
DL Robert Hull, SR, Washington & Lee
DL Paul Diamantopoulos, SR, Mass. Maritime
DL Nick Reiser, SR, Allegheny
LB Colby Compton, SR, Plymouth State
LB Blaise Coleman, SR, Widener
LB Rick Sanger, SR, Central
DB David Lefere, JR, Albion
DB Charles Warren, JR, Dickinson
DB Krumrie Mabry, SR, Alfred
DB Antonio Moore, JR, Widener
P J.D. Flack, SR, Wittenberg

No team has won more games in the '90s than **MOUNT UNION** (54-5-1). The Purple Raiders have been in the playoffs six times since 1985 and have won three of the last four league titles. The offense, which returns eight starters, must carry much of the burden early. Lineman Mike Wendefer is a leader on the unit and big plays are generated by quarterback Bill Borchert (2,897 yards and 34 TDs) and Todd Zufra (39 catches). However, only three defensive regulars are back, led by tackle Matt Liggett.

COE also ranks as one of the division's most successful schools in the '90s. The Kohawks were 8-2 last season and have 16 starters back, eight on each side of the ball. The defense was superb a year ago and should be solid again with end Brian Lenz and linebacker Mark Metille. Quarterback Mike Magistrelli returns after throwing for 1,562 yards and 15 TDs. Guard Mike Robinson is also a solid performer.

The pride of Texas will be **TRINITY**, a team that posted a 10-1 mark last year and earned its first NCAA playoff appearance. While virtually every key performer on offense is back, the real key may be on defense. Matt Miller had eight interceptions last fall. Sophomore Alex Doran contributed four more, while linebacker Andrew Clavena led the team with 112 tackles.

CORTLAND STATE will be bidding for its seventh playoff appearance in the last eight seasons. The Red Dragons were 7-4 last year and have 16 starters back, including center Pat Lalley, quarterback Steve Sanzo (2,342 passing yards and 16 TDs), running back Dan D'Accurzio (572 yards rushing/285 yards receiving), defensive end R-kal Truluck (61 tackles, 5 sacks, and 2 blocked kicks).

CENTRE joins Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference rival Trinity to give the league another national contender. There are 19 returning regulars from last year's 8-

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2 team. Running backs Kris Garrett and Joey Johnson are threats, as is quarterback David Clark, but the key weapon may be Evan Hjerpe, who kicked 11 of 13 field goals last fall. On defense, tackle Zack Woods leads the way.

No team in Division III has more tradition than **AUGUSTANA**. The Vikings have won 15 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin titles to go along with their impressive national honors. With 12 starters back from an 8-2 team, they should again contend. Defense will be a strength. Rusty Van Wetzling has led the squad in tackles three straight years. He rejoins fellow linebacker Jim Haynes and tackle Doug Raiser. Scott Tumilty is a superb runner.

At **UNION**, head coach John Audino says his defense "could be as good as [any] we've had." The Dutchmen were sixth in the country in scoring defense and have seven starters back. In fact, seven of the top tacklers return. The uncertainty is over the new quarterback, who will operate behind a strong line.

After earning a playoff berth for three straight seasons, **ROWAN** was not involved in the postseason last year after falling to 6-3. The Profs, who played in the '93 title game, will also turn to their defensive unit, where 10 starters are back. Linebacker P.J. Mehigan had 104 tackles. Tight end Joe DiPietro grabbed 25 passes, most of which were thrown by Greg Lister who passed for 1,505 yards in the final six games.

Despite a record that is the envy of many programs, **BALDWIN-WALLACE** never seems to get the respect it deserves. The Yellow Jackets have posted 29 straight winning seasons, including a 9-1 mark last fall. Key players back include running backs Tyrone Price and Pete Pruitt, center Mike Kromer, place-kicker Chris Kondik, and linebacker Tony Oden.

Four-year starter Boo Perry heads the list of talented offensive performers who return at **WILKES**. He threw for 1,598 yards and 16 TDs (just 5 interceptions) a year ago and had plenty of help in guiding the Colonels to a 9-2 mark. Tailback Elijah Powell gained 1,280 yards despite his 5-foot-3 frame, and receiver Mike Gundersdorf caught 49 passes for 846 yards. The defense relies on linebacker Lou Atkinson (119 tackles) for a spark.

For most programs in Division III, the loss of 12 starters would be deathly. **DICKINSON**, however, is not most programs. The Red Devils (10-1) are accustomed to winning big. They will shoot for their eighth straight league title this fall and have a deep and talented running game to carry the load. Chris Hughes averaged 190 yards per game before going down with a knee injury, but he is back, along with linebacker Matt Bixler, who made 15 tackles behind the line.

ALLEGHENY, a solid national contender last season, lost 15 starters from the squad that ranked near the top all season. That doesn't mean all the talent has left. The

Gators will rebuild around offensive lineman Brian Adams and defensive end Nick Reiser (9.5 sacks).

WARTBURG has appeared in back-to-back playoffs and could return again if the offense comes around quickly. Only three offensive starters are back from the 10-2 squad, but lineman Marty Fredericks, running back Rob Posekany, and quarterback Brian Nelson are solid. End Vince Penningroth leads an experienced defense.

At **WORCESTER STATE**, the Lancers have learned that it is better to take than to give. They were sixth in the nation in total defense, thanks largely to a unit that created turnovers at a regular rate. Only one other team was better at taking the ball away. Eight defenders are back from an 8-2 season, including linebacker Scott Holland (105 tackles, 3 interceptions, 3 fumble recoveries). The offense must overcome key losses on a team that averaged 341 yards.

BELOIT has a variety of weapons to cause opponents problems. The Buccaneers (7-3) feature quarterback Jeremy Warren, who passed for 2,000 yards and helped his team average 32 points per game. Tight end Mike Meteyard had 58 catches for 940 yards. The defense returns eight starters.

GUILFORD has a deep roster that includes 18 regulars from last year's 8-2 team. Quaker running back David Heggie rushed for 1,207 yards and Junior Lord had 49 receptions.

Terry Peebles and Nick Roudebush give **HANOVER** (8-2) an offensive threat that must be dealt with. Peebles was three yards shy of the 3,200-yard passing mark and had 32 TD passes last season. Roudebush caught 70 of his passes for 899 yards. No wonder the offense averaged 36 points and 357 passing yards per game.

PLYMOUTH STATE hopes to return to the playoffs, but the big-play performers will have to deliver often to offset the loss of 10 starters. R.J. Letendre (48 catches for 940 yards) is a deep threat and quarterback Joel Perry has the arm to get the ball to him. On defense, linebacker Colby Compton (142 tackles) is back.

MAINE MARITIME is considered a sleeper by many in Division III. A 7-3 mark in '94 was impressive, and the Mariners have 20 starters back, including both kickers. The list includes eight members of the No. 5 defense in the nation. The offense revolves around running back Rob Marchitello who scored 25 touchdowns while averaging 161.9 yards per game.

OTHERS TO WATCH

QUARTERBACK

Vic Ameye, Widener; Jason Baer, Washington & Jefferson; Bill Bochert, Mount Union; Chip Campbell, Quincy; Ryan Campuzana, LaVerne; Lon Erickson, Illinois Wesleyan; Chris Esterley, St. Thomas; Chris Ings, Wabash; Kyle Klein, Albion; Craig Kusick,

Wisconsin-La Crosse; Boo Perry, Wilkes; Kurt Ramler, Saint John's; Brad Ruderman, Hartwick; Steve Sanzo, Cortland State; Michael Simpson, Eureka; Matt Walshire, Upper Iowa

RUNNING BACK

Ernie Ansah, Worcester Poly; Pedro Arruza, Wheaton; Carlton Carter, Thomas More; Jose DeLeon, MIT; Perez Dinkins, Buffalo State; Andre Evans, William Patterson; David Heggie, Guilford; Chris Hughes, Dickinson; Brad Kirby, Millikin; John Mason, Amherst; Elijah Powell, Wilkes; Trennell Smith, Kean College; Scott Tumilty, Augustana; Dwayne Weldon, King's College; Jake Williams, Washington & Jefferson

WIDE RECEIVERS

Chris Begley, Washington & Jefferson; Mike Cook, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; Ryan Ditzel, Albright; DeVon English, Upper Iowa; Gary Furner, Hartwick; Jamie Gasperre, C.W. Post; Mike Gundersdorf, Wilkes; R.J. Letendre, Plymouth State; Nick Roudebush, Hanover; David Sherwood, Kalamazoo; Steve Verton, Lycoming

TIGHT ENDS

Matt Apel, Ohio Wesleyan; Joe DiPietro, Rowan; Mike Meteyard, Beloit; Aaron Neel,

Carnegie-Melon; John Richards, Illinois Wesleyan; Mike Wenderfer, Mount Union; Jason Richards, Illinois Wesleyan; John Richards, Illinois Wesleyan

OFFENSIVE LINE

Brian Adams, Allegheny; Joe Balint, Susquehanna; Chris Calnon, Redlands; Mark Chubb, Wittenberg; Scott Cote, Maine Maritime; Saxon Feeney, Wisconsin-Stout; Marty Fredericks, Wartburg; Erick Halverson, Wisconsin-La Crosse; Doug Johnston, Wheaton; Mike Jones, Washington & Jefferson; Bill Kheel, Wesleyan; Pat Lalley, Cortland State; Greg Morin, Worcester State; Matt Mueller, St. Norbert; Brandon Schultz, Saint John's; Bryan Sulesha, Frostburg State

PLACE-KICKERS

Brian Anthony, Cortland State; Jason Goldberg, John Carroll; Bill Hamlin, Chapman; Evan Hjerpe, Centre

DEFENSIVE LINE

Tommy Alberson, Emory & Henry; Ethan Brooks, Williams College; Victor Carter, Johns Hopkins; Mike Conklin, Hartwick; Scott Connolly, Ithaca; Jeff DeLisi, Gettysburg; Mike Gibson, Fairleigh Dickinson; Mark Hazelwood, Hapden-Sydney; Brian

Lenz, Coe; Tony Privitera, Alfred; Doug Raiser, Augustana; Jim Ravenna, Thomas More; Mike Sanders, Wittenburg; Demetrius Stevenson, Wesley; Zack Woods, Centre

LINEBACKERS

Chris Anderson, John Carroll; Craig Anderson, Ohio Wesleyan; Andrew Clavenna, Trinity; John D'Angelo, Muhlenberg; Steve DeLuca, Franklin & Marshall; Dan Fox, Wisconsin-Platteville; Scott Holland, Worcester State; P.J. Mehigan, Rowan; Tony Oden, Baldwin-Wallace; Javon Ramsey, Case Western; Rusty Van Wetzinga, Augustana; Jason Whitehead, Wittenburg

BACKS

Clayt Birmingham, Wisconsin-Stevens Point; Brian Contreras, Salve Regina; Chris Jones, Colorado College; David Lefere, Albion; Rob McGuire, Johns Hopkins; Matt Miller, Trinity; Guy Nardulli, Elmhurst; Bruce Pritchett, Kean; Kevin Stahle, Upper Iowa; Cannon Thompson, Muskingum; Jim Wallace, Ripon; Ron Wallace, Frostburg State

PUNTERS

Jon Bushey, Franklin & Marshall; Pat Hogrete, Buena Vista; Tomek Mikler, Redlands; Bryan Weber, Wisconsin-Platteville; Darin Whitesel, Washington & Jefferson

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WEST DIVISION

It is a never-ending competition: Auburn vs. Alabama. The sport is unimportant. Among the great rivalries in college athletics, the feud between Alabama and Auburn rates among the most intense. The intensity level is at its greatest when the game is football. Since February 22, 1893, when Auburn defeated Alabama, 32-22, in the first football game between the schools (even with a discontinuation of the series that lasted more than 40 years), this series has been competitive. Many times, the competition has held national implications.

That should be the case again in 1995. The two state rivals are expected to battle for the SEC's Western Division title this year, the first time in two seasons Auburn (20-1-1 during that time) has been eligible for the crown. The winner could be the division leader, earning a spot in the SEC championship game December 2 in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. Earning the divisional crown could also keep alive the winner's national title hopes.

Also in the SEC West race will be Mississippi State, a team that was 8-4 overall last season but a disappointing 5-3 in the league. LSU, with former Vanderbilt head coach Gerry DiNardo, and Arkansas should both be improved. Ole Miss, with new head coach Tommy Tuberville, is beginning a two-year NCAA probation.

AUBURN

There's a new catchword around Auburn this year: AUthentic. Following two years on NCAA probation, the first two years of the Terry Bowden era, the Tigers are legitimate again. There are no sanctions preventing them from participating in the SEC championship game or accepting a bowl bid. Auburn is expected to take advantage on both counts. Beginning with 1993's incredible 11-0 season (AttitUde was the catchword), and last year's 9-1-1 mark (AUDacity), Bowden now has the task of continuing the trend—when it counts. That two-year span is the most successful in the school's 102-year history. It was also bittersweet. All that success, but no titles. This season, the Tigers can accept the spoils of victory.

The season of AUthenticity finds the Tigers with eight starters back on offense (including Heisman Trophy candidate Stephen Davis), five on defense, and depth on both sides of the football. Davis, a former national prep player of the year, stepped into his own last season, gaining 1,263 yards (5.7 per carry) and scoring 13 touchdowns. His size (6-2, 233) and speed make him an impressive ball carrier. To add to the Tigers' strength in the backfield, sophomore Fred Beasley (4.7-yard average), who backed up Davis at tailback last year, has been moved to fullback. He has speed and is a good receiver out of the backfield.

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WEST DIVISION

1. Auburn
2. Alabama
3. Mississippi State
4. LSU
5. Arkansas
6. Mississippi

Patrick Nix returns as the starting quarterback. For now. For the second consecutive year, sophomore Dameyune Craig was named the spring game MVP. Nix has the experience; Craig has the greater overall skills. At wide receiver, where Frank Sanders and Thomas Bailey have departed, the Tigers will look to sophomores Tyrone Goodson and Tyreece Williams and juniors Willie Goshua and Hicks Poor. All six linemen return, including center Shannon Roubique and tackle Willie Anderson, all-SEC candidates, plus guard Jason Taylor and tackle Victor Riley. Andy Fuller and Jessie McCovery are a strong tandem at tight end.

Defense is a concern. There are some talented players back, including linebackers Anthony Harris and Marcellus Mostella and back Ken Alvis, but the switch from the 4-3 to a 3-4 alignment and a blend of new players will take some adjustment. Jason Miska and Dell McGee return, with Terry Solomon, Liron Thomas, Nate Smith, James Roscoe, Bobby Daffin, Charles Dorsey, and Karl Lavine. Juco transfers Ervin Lewis (DL) and Mark Smith (DL) and incoming freshmen Martavius Houston (DB), Takeo Spikes (LB), and Jayson Bray (DB) could offer quick help. Matt Hawkins is the place-kicker and punter. Seven homes games, including SEC foes Florida, Mississippi State, and Alabama, should help the Tigers' cause.

ALABAMA

Quarterback has long been a position of great focus and tradition at Alabama. Joe Namath, Bart Starr, Kenny Stabler, Richard Todd, Walter Lewis, and Steve Sloan are just a few who earned stardom for the Crimson Tide. Last fall, the focus was on Jay Barker, who was booed early in his career and cheered with equal enthusiasm last season as he displayed the ability to lead Alabama when it needed leadership most.

Barker is headed to Green Bay and the fight for the starting position is on. Brian Burgdorf, the heir apparent, finished spring drills as No. 1, but he is being pushed by Freddie Kitchens. Both have strengths but need more consistency. The battle will continue into the fall, with head coach Gene Stallings probably waiting until the last minute to make his choice of starter. Adding interest to the battle is the play of Lance Tucker and Warren Foust, both of whom had flashes of strong play in the spring.

What was clear is the Crimson Tide's receiving corp has depth. Curtis Brown and Toderick Malone combined for 65 catches, 1,198 yards, and 10 touchdowns last fall. Chad Key and Marcel West will also play a lot. The Tide spent much time on its passing game during spring drills, but running is still the favored mode of travel. Alabama's leading rusher, Sherman Williams, has departed, as has fullback Tarrant Lynch. That leaves Dennis Riddle, Brian Steger, and Curtis Alexander as the leading candidates, with Riddle holding the edge. At fullback, Ed Scissum and Taurus Turner are the top contenders.

Up front, Kareem McNeal, Maurice Belser, Laron White, Pete DiMario, and John Causey lead the way. Tight end features Rod Rutledge, Tony Johnson, and Patrick Hape. However, Hape has been suspended from the team and his status was unclear following spring.

Defense remains king in Tuscaloosa. Once again, the Tide is loaded with talent and depth. Although only five starters are back, there is plenty of faith in the structure. Much of that faith is in defensive coordinator Bill Oliver. With a 3-4 set, Alabama will look to returning starters Shannon Brown (DL), Deshea Townsend (DB), John Walters (LB), Matt Parker (DL), and Darrell Blackburn (DE) to lead the way. Parker's status is questionable. He too has been suspended for disciplinary reasons.

The key for Alabama is its depth. Many of the previous year's signees were linebackers and they are ready for their red-shirt seasons: Vann Bodden, Ozell Powell, Kendrick Burton, Kelvin Moore, Chris Hood, Ralph Staten, and Dwayne Rudd. In the secondary, where three starters were lost, Brad Ford, Andre Short, Cedric Samuel, Kevin Jackson, and Jeremy Pruitt are ready to step in. Incoming freshmen Owen Winston and Eric Turner could help.

All-SEC candidate Michael Proctor returns as place-kicker. Punting duties are up for grabs.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

On the one hand, the Bulldogs have played in a bowl game three of the past four seasons, a positive sign for a program that has

known struggle. On the other hand, MSU is still looking for its first divisional crown. It finished second last season—thanks to Auburn's ineligibility—with a 5-3 mark (8-4 overall). If MSU is to take the big step to No. 1, it must do so by finding replacements on the offensive line, at linebacker, and in the secondary. There are just 10 returning starters.

All is not lost on offense, especially at the skill positions. Quarterback Derrick Taite and wide receivers Eric Moulds (an All-SEC candidate) and Chris Jones are back along with center Brian Anderson. Moulds offers additional punch on kickoff returns. He led the nation in '94 (32.8 yards) and will get help from speedster Shaston Coleman, who may return punts. Aside from those players, there are lots of changes. Two redshirt freshmen are behind Taite at quarterback and the tailback spot features a battle among three sophomores: Keffer McGee (probable starter), Robert Isaac, and Frahn D'Anjou. Two new fullbacks, Nakia Greer and Tony Buckhalter, will see time.

On the offensive line, although most of last year's bulky group (the average weight was more than 300 pounds per starter) is gone, a new, less experienced, bulky group awaits. Brent Smith, a starter at defensive tackle last fall, has been moved to offensive tackle, where he will join Brad Ainsworth, Henry McCann, Robert Hicks, and Toby Myles. Three youngsters will compete at tight end. Place-kicker Tim Rogers and punter Andy Russ both return.

Across the line the Bulldogs look strong up front with Larry Williams, the Peach Bowl defensive MVP, Corey Sears, James Grier, and Michael Lindsey. At linebacker, Dwayne Curry gets the spotlight. The all-SEC candidate had 123 tackles in '94. Joining him are Paul Lacoste and Gregory Favors. The secondary is uncertain. Clay Mack, a transfer from UNLV, will start. Others are Walt Harris, Jimmy Lipscomb, Izell McGill, and Bernard Euell. The schedule is also a concern, with games at Alabama, Auburn, and Tennessee.

LOUISIANA STATE

As popular a chant as "Geaux Tigers" is in Baton Rouge, it was rivaled last season by

the chants of "Fire Curley." That would be Curley Hallman, now former head coach of the LSU Tigers. The process of replacing Hallman wasn't as smooth—or accomplished as quickly—as most expected. In the end, when a few candidates became former candidates and the patience of some fans was tested, LSU found its new head coach just a short punt away in Vanderbilt's Gerry DiNardo.

As any previous LSU coach can attest, there is only one way to keep the fans on his good side: by winning. Many felt the Tigers had plenty of talent the past few seasons, although the won-lost record didn't indicate that. A devastating loss at Auburn when it appeared LSU had the game put away led to a 4-7 mark (3-5 in the league) and to the desire to find a new coach. LSU has now had six consecutive losing seasons.

DiNardo won't use the option attack he leaned on at Vanderbilt. Instead, the Tigers will employ several pro sets and pass the ball more than they have in recent seasons. Throwing those passes will be Jamie Howard, who received threats after the loss at Auburn and considered giving up football. But he told his summer employer, the Atlanta Braves' organization, he wouldn't be reporting for work this year in order to concentrate on football.

Working behind Howard will be Robert Toomer, but at fullback instead of tailback, where Kendall Cleveland, who gained 155 yards in the spring game, will start. Freshman Kevin Faulk, a *Parade* All-America at quarterback, will probably be used at tailback. Eddie Kennison, the all-SEC candidate at wide receiver and kick returner, adds quick-scoring ability. Wide receivers Shedrick Wilson and Chris Beard will also help. In all, eight starters return on offense, four of them along the line: tight end and all-SEC candidate David LaFleur, guards Mark King and Adam Perry, and tackle Sean Wells.

One of the league's secrets a year ago was LSU's strength on defense. The Tigers led the SEC in total defense, allowing just 291.1 yards per game. The leader of the pack is linebacker Gabe Northern, one of seven returning starters on the unit that also includes end James Gillyard. Kenny Mixon enjoyed a fine spring. Tackle David Carmona



DERRICK TAITE
Mississippi State

is back, as are Allen Stansberry, Mike Calais, Clarence Lenton, and Tory James. Speed and quickness are the main ingredients. Calais missed spring because of a knee injury but is expected to be ready in the fall.

LSU's first three games are tough: at Texas A&M and Mississippi State, then home vs. Auburn. South Carolina, Florida, and Alabama follow over the next six games.

ARKANSAS

Danny Ford's rebuilding of the Arkansas tradition continues, and that task continues to be a tough one. On the heels of a 4-7 season (2-6 in SEC), the Razorbacks have made some adjustments. They also have the deepest and most experience roster since Ford took over the program in 1993.

Perhaps the biggest change will be on defense, where Joe Lee Dunn, the interim head coach at Ole Miss last season, takes

missed spring drills. The line has plenty of backup help. Last fall, Arkansas tired in the final period because of a lack of depth, and that was costly.

Punter Matt Wait is back, but Ford signed prep All-America Robby Stevenson, who could do all the kicking. Mainly, the Razorbacks have to produce more points than last season (19.3) if they hope to challenge for the divisional crown. They have six home games, including Auburn, Mississippi State, and Tennessee.

MISSISSIPPI

There is plenty of change for the Rebels, a team that finished 4-7 last season but took its most damaging loss off the field. Ole Miss was hit with severe NCAA sanctions, cutting scholarships from 22 to 13 for two seasons. An appeal was denied. So the Rebels begin the rebuilding with a new head coach, a new system, a new emphasis, and the same old problem: competing in the difficult West Division. With 15 starters returning, there is a chance to make something happen. Because the sanctions are already in place, there is no longer a cloud of doubt hanging over the program. The rebuilding has begun.

Tommy Tuberville, a former defensive coordinator at Miami and the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M last season, takes over the Rebels, shifting the emphasis from defensive-minded Joe Lee Dunn to a wide-open offensive approach. Tuberville will have some weapons. Josh Nelson, a JC transfer, enjoyed a good '94 (passing for 2,028 yards and 15 TDs) and should only improve under Tuberville's new one-back attack that will feature two wide receivers and an H-back. The offensive style seems better-suited to Nelson's abilities. Freshman Paul Carrillo, like Nelson a California product, has a chance at the backup QB.

It should also be good news for Dou Innocent, who figures to be the one back. He started six games last year, gaining more than 100 yards in each. Mark Smith will get some time in the backfield, along with Artie Moore, a transfer from LSU. Also back are receivers Ta'Boris Fisher and LeMay Thomas, with Fisher moving to H-back. John Knight will also be on the receiving end of several passes.

Center Darrell Moncus, tackle Boyd Kitchen, guard Chris May, and tight end Kris Mangum all return to their starting positions as well, giving the Rebels some experience up front. Two freshmen from New York, running back Alishma Alexander and tight end Tutan Reyes, may offer some immediate help. Place-kicker Tim Montz and punter Lonny Calicchio return.

Under defensive coordinator Art Kaufman, the Rebels will switch to a 4-3 alignment and try to find a way to compensate for the loss of Abdul Jackson, Alundis Brice, Norman Hand, and Antonious Bonner. Of the five returning regulars, cornerback Derek Jones is one of the leaders. Tackle Greg Childs is back, along with end David McGowan and linebackers Nate Wayne and Michael Lowery.

Switching to a new system and adjusting to a new coaching staff will take time. Ole Miss seemed pleased with the progress made dur-

ing the spring, but there are still some glaring holes. The schedule offers no reprieve. Ole Miss begins the season at home against Auburn, with Georgia and a trip to Florida following a game against Indiana State.

EAST DIVISION

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1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. South Carolina
4. Georgia
5. Kentucky
6. Vanderbilt

When thoughts turn to Southeastern Conference football, one of the first schools that comes to mind is Florida. This season, the SEC's East appears the same: Florida, followed by five teams battling for second place. Despite the improvement of some of the division members. Despite the loss of several key players on Florida's '94 roster.

It seems the Gators, 10-2-1 and a 24-23 victor over Alabama in the SEC championship game a year ago, are the team to beat. And it appears that will be no easy task. The two-time defending conference champion has another roster filled with talent, more players ready to take their place in the fun-and-gun offensive attack and the defensive lineup that continues to establish its own identity. There are other teams that would be king, teams that have an eye on the title Florida currently holds so tightly.

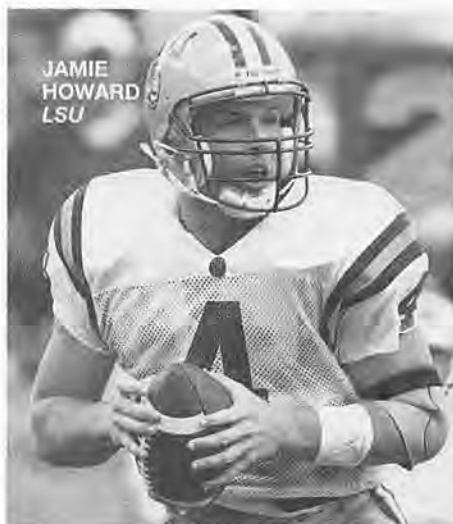
Tennessee, the team that spends the first half of the season struggling against tough competition and the second half trying to catch up, has plenty of talent. Georgia, looking to make its move, will also contend again. South Carolina, making its own move, will challenge. Kentucky and Vanderbilt are expected to continue to struggle, caught in the background of a division with established roles. The role of lead actor in a continuing play is Florida.

On September 2 Florida begins its quest for a fourth consecutive SEC title game appearance, a third straight SEC crown, and another shot at a national championship. Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt will try to disrupt those plans—and step out of the shadows of the supporting cast.

FLORIDA

It's difficult, as any Florida opponent will admit, to find a way to stop the Gators' offense. It is built on talent, supported by depth and the multitude of ways in which it can produce points. With the defense gaining ground, Florida only gets stronger. Yet there may be a way to stop the defending SEC champ: injury.

Offensive linemen Jeff Mitchell (knee surgery), Donnie Young (ankle and elbow problems), and Jason Odom (ankle and



over as defensive coordinator. (Joe Kines has moved to a similar position at Georgia.) The players appeared to take to Dunn's changes, the most dramatic being his emphasis on speed. Several, including all-SEC prospect Marcus Adair, should prosper. Seven starters are back. Joining Adair on the line will be tackle Geno Bell, nose guard Junior Soli, and end Steven Conley. Linebacker Mark Smith rejoins Anthony Hicks. Del Delco and Tracy Cantlope are back in the secondary, but there is little depth.

There is bad news on the offense. Tailback Oscar Malone, the leading rusher (597 yards), suffered a knee injury in the spring and will miss the entire season. In his place, Arkansas will look to Madre Hill, who averaged 4.7 yards per carry. Barry Lunney Jr. is the leading candidate at quarterback, but he is being pushed hard by soph Robert Reed. Fullback Tyrone Henry had a good spring. Of the eight returning offensive regulars, Arkansas can count on wide receiver J.J. Meadors, a 5-6, 153-pound senior who caught 43 passes (almost three times as many as the No. 2 receiver) for 613 yards and five TDs.

Up front are tackles Scott Rivers and Verl Mitchell, guard Tony Nagy, center Earl Scott, and tight end Mark Baker. Carl Johnson started at tight end last year but he was injured in an automobile accident and

knee) all missed some or all of spring drills. Ditto for tailbacks Elijah Williams (ankle surgery), Fred Taylor (bruised shoulder), and Tyrone Baker (knee surgery). Instead of creating havoc, the situation only aided the Gators, who were able to give practice time to players at the positions, creating even more depth in the process.

At quarterback—and that is where everything starts for the Gators—Danny Wuerffel will be the starter (maybe), with Eric Kresser the top backup (maybe). Kresser had a strong spring and will battle Wuerffel all season. Because of the injuries, Florida has moved defensive back Terry Jackson to tailback. Dwayne Mobley and Jerome Evans are the fullbacks. Wide receiver, another key position, is loaded again. Chris Doering, Sorola Palmer, Reidel Anthony, and Ike Hilliard are all back and redshirt freshmen Travis McGriff, Nafis Karim, and Jacques Green, along with true freshman Jamie Richardson, who participated in spring drills, provide more help. On the line, when fully recovered, are three returning starters. At tight end, former walk-on Tremayne Allen so impressed coaches he not only earned the starting position but a scholarship as well.

Defensively, the main focus will be on the line, where first-round NFL draft picks Kevin Carter and Ellis Johnson have departed. Mark Campbell is back, with Johnie Church and Keith Council. The line isn't as deep as it has been in the recent past, so some true freshmen will earn time. Inside linebacker Dexter Daniels returns, as does nickelback Ben Hanks. Daniels had a shoulder injury in the spring and James Bates, another linebacker, missed all of spring because of knee surgery. Cameron Davis and Kevin Walton are expected to help. The secondary features returning regulars Lawrence Wright and Anthonie Davis, along with Fred Weary.

Walk-on Matt Teague may get a shot at the punting job or prep All-America Robby Stevenson could handle all the kicking.

TENNESSEE

There are some givens in Big Orange Country. One, the Vols will have deep talent at the skill positions, especially wide receiver. Two, the offensive line will be big, mobile, and experienced. And three, the first few games will be difficult. All those

factors are true again this year. With 17 starters returning (including 10 on defense) and an offensive line that is probably the best in the league, Tennessee has a lot going for it. Now, if it can just make some headway in the first four games.

The Vols lost three of their first four games last fall, two in the SEC. They lost only once more (Alabama) in the next eight. The start proved costly. East Carolina is Tennessee's opening opponent this year, but Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi State are next, with Oklahoma State, Arkansas, and Alabama to follow. The Vols must make something happen early if they are to make a run at winning the East title and earning a spot in the SEC championship game.

There is plenty of ammunition for such a run. There are seven home games. The linebackers and secondary return, as do all but one regular on the offensive line. Peyton Manning is the quarterback, ending the uncertainty of last year. Manning took over as No. 1 late in the season and was impressive as a freshman. With Brannndon Stewart having transferred to Texas A&M, there should be no second-guessing. Manning completed 61 percent of his passes for 11 touchdowns and more than 1,100 yards. Hoping to get noticed, quarterback signees Jeremy Bates (son of former Vol Jim Bates) and Shawn Snyder graduated from high school early and enrolled at Tennessee so they could participate in spring drills. Another incoming freshman, Jeremaine Copeland, should get a look as well.

The quarterback should be protected thanks to the guys up front: all-SEC candidates Jason Layman, Jeff Smith, and Bubba Miller, plus Leslie Ratliffe, Trey Peterson, and David Horn. Jay Graham is set to fill the tailback void left by James Stewart's departure to the NFL. Juco transfer Travis Cozart had a strong spring, as did sophomore Ronnie Pillow and redshirt freshman Mark Levine. Chester Ford and Eric Lane figure at fullback, with three former linebackers also moved to the position. At receiver, the Vols are once again loaded, led by Joey Kent and kick-return threat Nilo Silvan. Benjie Shuler, brother of former Vols quarterback Heath Shuler, received a medical redshirt season and will return. Tennessee can also look to sophs Marcus Nash, Andy McCullough, and Maurice Staley.

New coordinator John Chavis takes over the defense, replacing Larry Marmie, who left for UCLA. Chavis has plenty of talent to oversee. All-SEC back Jason Parker is on the list, along with his secondary teammates Terry Fair, DeRon Jenkins, and Raymond Austin. In fact Shawn Summers, who also is a kick returner, is expected to move Austin out of his starting spot. At linebacker are Scott Galyon, Jesse Sanders, and Tyrone Hines. Shane Burton is the leader up front, joined by Leland Taylor and Steve White. JC transfer Leonard Little should help at end, with Ron Green and Jonathan Brown. The biggest difference on defense is the numbers. In the past, injuries have caused problems because of a dropoff in talent after the starting lineup. This season, the Vols have depth.

JC transfer Larry Binion may be the punter and redshirt freshman Jeff Hall is set to take over the place-kicking.

SOUTH CAROLINA

No longer will the Gamecocks' record book read "no bowl victory." That was taken care of with South Carolina's 24-21 win over West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl. The game represented the return of the program under first-year head coach Brad Scott and signals what many expect to be an improved team again this fall. The Gamecocks have 15 starters returning and renewed confidence. They will be put to the test early, visiting Georgia in the season opener followed by a trip to Arkansas.

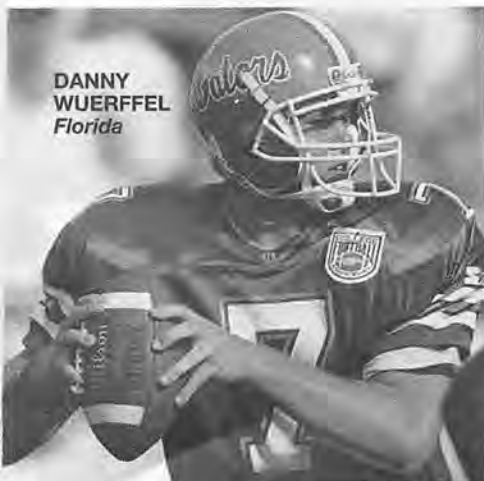
Senior Steve Taneyhill, with more than 2,200 passing yards and 19 TDs in '94, should improve under new quarterbacks coach John Reaves, who joins the team from Florida. Redshirt freshman Anthony Wright is the backup. To make up for the loss of tailback Brandon Bennett, former fullback Stanley Prichett has been moved



RANDALL
GODFREY
Georgia

to the spot. Prichett fits the big-back mold (6-1, 230) Scott likes in his tailbacks. He can also catch the football, making him a double threat. Reggie Alexander is listed as the starter at fullback, but there could be help found there with incoming signees. Randy Wheeler, James Dexter, Delvin Herring, and Luther Dixon all return to an improving line. Travis Whitfield, a redshirt freshman, may move Herring out of his starting spot. Paul Beckwith will also play. Kickers Reed Morton and Derwin Jeffcoat are back.

Three linemen must be replaced on defense. Eric Sullivan is the only returning starter. Robert Smith is a gifted player and could start at end. Maynard Caldwell (end) and Henry Taylor (tackle) should also step forward. The linebacker corps is solid with returning regulars Aubrey Brooks, Hank Campbell, and Ronnie Smith. Ben Washington and Ron Nealey head the secondary. Arturo Freeman, the leading prep receiver in South Carolina, will probably join the secondary. Defensive improvement is a priority for the Gamecocks, who finished ninth in total defense last season, ninth in rushing defense, and eighth in passing defense and scoring defense (allowing 23.2 ppg).



DANNY
WUERFFEL
Florida

The signal is obvious: Ray Goff must win to keep his job as head coach. He did not receive the customary extension to his contract and, following last year's 6-4-1 record (3-4-1 in the SEC), he visited athletic director Vince Dooley, who told Goff he wants "significant improvement."

It will not be an easy task. Quarterback Eric Zeier is gone, forcing a change in the offense. Hason Graham is gone, as are Terrell Davis and Will Muschamp. There are changes galore facing the Bulldogs. Joe Kines joins the coaching staff from Arkansas as defensive coordinator. He has switched to a 4-3 alignment. Juco transfers will play important roles, as will some incoming freshmen. Georgia will again find the going tough early. It opens against South Carolina and faces Tennessee, Alabama, and Clemson in the following five weeks.

Mike Bobo appears to be the replacement at quarterback. Former quarterback Hines Ward moved to tailback as a true freshman last season. He will get support from Robert Edwards, a starter at cornerback in '94. Odell Collins, a JC transfer who rushed for 3,570 yards and 35 touchdowns the past two seasons, will also play tailback. Last year's starting tailback, Larry Bowie, has been moved to fullback to get him and Ward in the game together. It is also an indication Georgia will be running the ball more. Last year, passing accounted for 72 percent of Georgia's yardage and 25 of the 41 touchdowns. Brice Hunter, an all-SEC candidate, leads the receiver corps, along with Juan Daniels. Both tight ends are gone, leaving Mike Taylor as the probable starter.

Four starters on the offensive line are back: guard Resty Beadles, versatile center David Weeks, and tackles Troy Stark and Adam Meadows. Paul Taylor will probably start at guard and Antonio Fleming will see duty. Additional help will come from JC transfers Alexander Vega, Brad Stafford, and Kenley Ingram and from highly touted freshmen Matthew Stinchcomb and Steven Herndon.

There is talent in the secondary and at linebacker. All-SEC candidate Randall Godfrey is moving from inside linebacker to outside, with Whit Marshall taking Godfrey's vacated spot. Marcus Williams, Greg Bright, and Phillip Benton will see work. Corey Johnson returns in the secondary. Buster Owens will take a cornerback spot, with Alandus Simms, Armin Love and Erik Robinson getting playing time. JC transfers Jason Ferguson, Keith Drayton, and Jarmaine Smith figure into the mix on the line, where the Bulldogs need the most immediate help. Travis Stroud and Phillip Daniels were moved from outside linebacker. Punter Dax Langley and place-kicker Kanon Parkman return.

KENTUCKY

There is only one way for the Wildcats' fortunes to go, and that's up. Kentucky was 0-8 in the SEC last fall and 1-10 for the year, winning its season opener against rival Louisville, then losing 10 straight, including 73-7 at Florida and a season-ending 52-0 at Tennessee. Coach Bill Curry is known for his optimism, and he will need a lot of that this season. Thirteen starters are back but



KIO
SANFORD
Kentucky

there is little depth. Kentucky ranked last in the SEC in both scoring offense (13.6 ppg) and scoring defense (36.8 ppg).

In an effort to shake things up offensively, the Cats will use a new, one-back set with two wide receivers and two tight ends. The one back is junior Moe Williams, who dazzled as a freshman but struggled last year. Donnell Gordon and Ray McLaurin are backups. Jeff Speedy is the quarterback. He passed for just 580 yards and one touchdown last fall and was intercepted eight times. Billy Jack Haskins is his backup.

Antonio O'Ferrall, who started at quarterback, moved to defensive back, and returned to quarterback, has now been moved to wide receiver in an effort to take advantage of his athletic abilities. Also at wide receiver is Leon Smith (who missed spring with a shoulder injury) and James Tucker (moved from linebacker). Tight end Chris Davis returns. Kio Sanford broke or tied three SEC kickoff records. John Schlarman (who missed spring while rehabbing a knee injury) returns at the other guard, with redshirt freshman Jonas Liening at tackle.

Juco players Harold Bell, Eddie Blakley, and DeJuan Pringle expect to contribute immediately on defense. Redshirt freshman Marvin Major will fill a starting spot at tackle and Mike Schelgel and Chris Ward are up front. Donte' Key adds help at linebacker and Chad Hudson was all-Freshman SEC. Linebackers David Snardon and Eric Wright also return to starting spots. In the secondary, regulars Leman Boyd, Kiyo Wilson, and Steven Hall are back, with help coming from Reggie Rusk. Brian Sivinski is the place-kicker but the search is on for a punter.

VANDERBILT

When Gerry DiNardo left for LSU, the Commodores leaned toward experience and selected Rod Dowhower, head coach at Stanford in 1979 and of the Indianapolis Colts in 1985-86. He also has experience as an assistant in the pro and college ranks. His task is to improve on the progress made by DiNardo at a school that is not a traditional power playing in a traditionally powerful league. Dowhower inherits a team that was fifth in the East Division (2-

6) and 5-6 overall. He finds 17 starters and both kickers back. He also finds a schedule that has his team facing Alabama and Notre Dame in the first two games, ending the year at Tennessee, with Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida in between.

The option offense is gone. In its place is a multiple system that will not lean so heavily on the run. Ronnie Gordon is the quarterback and sophomore Damien Allen the backup. Jermaine Johnson will start at running back. Despite the Commodores' love of the run last fall, there is not an abundance of talent or experience in the backfield. At wide receiver, Vandy finds an experienced group that has trouble holding on to the football: Kenny Simon, Sanford Ware, and Duane Todd. This is a team that has thrown only two touchdown passes in the past two years, one of which was a screen pass. Chad Wood is expected to start at center, joining returning regulars Will Jacobs and Robert Couch. Allen DeGraffenreid and Mike Jones offer help. Incoming freshmen will have to contribute immediately.

Ten starters return to the defense that allowed an average of 25 points and 381 yards per game. The only regular lost was Gerald Collins, an all-SEC player and the team's leading tackler (122). Brian Boykin, arguably the Commodores' best athlete, and Jay Stallworth are back at end with Matt Schuckman and James Manley at tackle. Other starters include linebackers Mark Jefcoat and Kirk Williams and backs Anthony Azama, Matt Anderson, Eric Vance, and Corey Chavous. Linebacker Jamie Duncan and cornerback DeReal Finklin were suspended last season. They did not participate in spring drills. Duncan had 36 tackles in three games, including 16 against Alabama.

Bill Marinangel is the SEC's top returning punter. Steve Yenner is the place-kicker.

independents

predictions independents

1. Louisville
2. Memphis
3. Southern Mississippi
4. Tulane
5. Troy State
6. Central Florida
7. Samford
8. Alabama-Birmingham
9. Western Kentucky

There are major changes on the horizon for the division I-A southern independents. Louisville, Southern Mississippi, Tulane, and Memphis join Cincinnati and Houston in Conference USA in 1996. Meanwhile, I-AA independents Central Florida and Alabama-Birmingham will leap to I-A status next year. Central Florida gets a taste of

what life will be like at the next level when it plays at Florida State on September 23.

LOUISVILLE

Ron Cooper eagerly assumes the challenge of finishing what Howard Schnellenberger started with the Cardinals. "Schnellenberger did a great job starting a tradition," Cooper said. "I think I can help take it to the next level. My ultimate goal is to win a national championship, and I think we have a great chance to accomplish that at U. of L."

When Schnellenberger took the head coaching job at Oklahoma at the end of last season, Louisville found a youthful, energetic coach with Notre Dame roots to fill his shoes. At 33, Cooper is the youngest coach in Division I-A, and he's one of just five African-American coaches in I-A. He helped recruit five high-school All-Americans for the Irish in 1992. He left there to become a head coach at Eastern Michigan, a team that was 6-26-1 before he got there and went 9-13 in his two years.

The Cardinals return 14 starters from a team that was 6-5. Senior quarterback Marty Lowe, who completed 58 percent of his passes, is among six offensive starters back. He's got senior All-America Roman Oben (6-5, 290) protecting him at left tackle. Three other regulars rejoin him in the front, including senior center Jason Stinson. Sophomore John Bell (34-473-1) returns at wide receiver. The most productive players, running back Anthony Shelman (1,084 yards rushing) and tight end Jamie Asher (team-record 70 catches), must be replaced. Senior Calvin Arrington is the heir apparent to Shelman.

Defensively, a trio of talented linebackers are among eight returning starters. Junior Tyrus McCloud is back in the middle after leading the team in tackles and seniors Alan Campos and Johnny Frost on the outside. Junior free safety Rico Clark is the star of the secondary.

MEMPHIS

Three straight winning seasons weren't enough for Chuck Stobart to overcome internal strife, no bowl bids, and declining attendance in the Tiger program. He was fired last year. The Rip Scherer era begins with defense once again the Tiger strength. Scherer, who comes via James Madison, inherits nine returning starters from a unit that was ranked No. 3 in total defense (251.9 yards per game) for the second time in the last three seasons.

Scherer will rely heavily on that unit in formidable season-opening road trips to Mississippi State and Michigan. He's making the change from a "50" defense to a 4-3. His top player is senior safety Jerome Woods, an All-America candidate. Senior Dan Bonner and junior Jesse Allen are the outside linebackers with junior Richard Hogans in the middle. Junior Tony Williams and senior Brian Barnett are the tackles.

The offense will feature more options and more passing. Senior quarterback Joe Borich is being pushed by sophomore Chad Reed, the MVP of the spring game. Junior college transfer Qadry Anderson also could challenge when he arrives in the fall. Borich, however, will always be remembered as the quarterback who led

the Tigers to their first-ever victory against Mississippi in Oxford. His touchdown pass to Ryan Roskelly with four seconds left clinched it. The offense's top skill player is Roskelly, who had a school-record 368 all-purpose yards against Tulsa as a junior last fall. He had six catches for 174 yards and one TD and scored another on a 70-yard punt return. Senior Frank Fletcher takes over at tailback after rushing for 412 yards. Senior tackle Keith Setler anchors the line. The kicking should be sound with soph Luis Tejada, who made seven field goals in a row last year.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

The Golden Eagles hope to build on last year's winning streak and make a run at a bowl bid. Fifth-year coach Jeff Bower will lead his team in its final year of independent status. Southern Mississippi joins Conference USA next fall.

Bower will build his team around defense, where 10 starters return. The only loss is tackle Michael Tobias. Back to lead the way is senior safety LT Gulley, who had three interceptions. Rejoining him up front is sophomore end Robert Brown, who led the Golden Eagles with eight sacks. Eugene

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Harmon returns as the leading tackler at one outside linebacker with senior classmate Albert McRae at the other.

The offense returns sophomore quarterback Heath Graham, but he's among just five returning regulars. Graham completed 58 percent of his passes while throwing for 1,603 yards, but he had 15 interceptions to seven TDs. The line he will be playing behind was hit hard by graduation. The good news is that senior Chris Buckhalter (814 yards) and soph Harold Shaw (393 and 7 TDs) are back. Junior Ryan Pearson (36-415-3) leads the receiving corps.

TULANE

The Green Wave crashed ashore in pieces with just one victory a year ago. Coach Buddy Teevens begins his fourth season with a 6-28 career record. Last year saw few bright spots. Tulane was shut out three times and gave up 66 points in a loss to Mississippi State. The individual highlight was dubious. Jeff Liggon's 44 kickoff returns tied an NCAA record.

Tulane returns 18 starters, including all but two to an offense that turned the ball over 43 times and averaged just 12.3 points per game. Senior quarterback Tracey Watts passed for 916 yards. Junior Jerald Sowell ran for a team-leading 609 yards and grabbing a second-best 31 receptions. He was the first back in school history to rush for more than 600 yards and catch more than 30 passes in a season. He ran for 100 yards in two consecutive games, and yet the Green Wave barely managed more than 100 yards rushing per game for the season.

Defensively, eight regulars are back from the group that yielded 32.5 points per game. Senior end Jeff Dean and junior tackles Keith Cook and Joel Locker anchor a deep line. Cook led the team with 13 tackles for losses. Senior punter Danny Lasseigne returns.

TROY STATE

Troy State will try to earn a third straight I-AA playoff berth under fifth-year coach Larry Blakeney despite the loss of half of its starters. The Trojans, 8-4 last year with a loss to I-A Cincinnati but a victory against I-A Southwestern Louisiana, lost their first-round playoff game to James Madison. Then they lost six starters on offense and five on defense.

The Trojans return senior quarterback Jeremy Rowell, who ran for 579 yards and passed for 2,091 a year ago, and the nucleus of a strong line with three starters back, including senior All-America tackle Bob Hall. Senior fullback Derrick Washington (73-654-5) is the leading rusher. Also reinstated after a year's suspension is Ted Yarbrough, who led the Trojans in rushing as a sophomore. Senior Dan Brady (31-477-3) and Adarryll Ward (32-448-1) are the top receivers.

Defensively, the front returns just one starter, senior Lonnie Randall at tackle, and he's dogged by knee troubles. The unit needs to improve for Troy State to make another run in the playoffs. Hired to get the job done as new defensive coordinator was Steve Davis, a former Auburn and LSU assistant. Junior end Stacy Murry is the defense's best player, but an influx of youth brings high hopes.



TRACEY WATTS
Tulane

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Golden Knights sample a bigger dose of I-A competition this season in preparation for their leap to that level next year. Coach Gene McDowell takes on Florida State at Tallahassee in the program's biggest game ever on September 23. The Golden Knights also travel to I-A Hawaii and Northeast Louisiana in this transition year. If McDowell chooses to carry more than 63 scholarship players, Central Florida won't be eligible for the I-AA playoffs.

McDowell has lots of holes to fill on offense, where he must replace nine starters, including Darin Hinshaw and David Rhodes, the school's career passing and receiving leaders. Back, however, is senior tailback Marquette Smith, the Florida State transfer who last fall became the school's third rusher to exceed 1,000 yards. Also back is big-play threat Todd Cleveland as receiver and kick returner. As a freshman last year, Cleveland returned his first kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, one of three on the year. Senior fullback Gerod Davis also adds running and pass-catching skills.

Hinshaw's replacement is the key to how explosive Central Florida, which averaged 444 yards and 36.3 points per game, can be. If incoming freshman Daunte Culpepper qualifies, he's expected to get an immediate crack at quarterback. He was Florida's Mr. Football at Ocala's Vanguard High. Junior Kevin Reid and Jeff McCrone will vie if Culpepper isn't eligible. Junior Charlie Pierce should be among the nation's best place-kickers. He made 14 of 16 field goals and has a string of 83 straight PATs.

Defensively, new coordinator Willie Martinez has a nucleus of six returning regulars, with seniors Robert Braucht and Corries Hardy anchoring the interior at tackle. Junior Nakia Reddick returns as outside linebacker. Senior cornerback Allen Powell leads the secondary.

SAMFORD

The post-Bowden reconstruction continues. Samford, which had two straight I-AA playoff appearances before Terry Bowden left for Auburn, will try to rebound from two straight losing seasons.

Coach Pete Hurt's Bulldogs, 4-6-1 in his first season, return nine starters from the unit that averaged 37 points over the last four games. Junior quarterback Bart Yancey rejoins the entire line. Yancey, who completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,633 yards and 10 touchdowns, should stand confidently in a pocket protected by a couple of all-star candidates: senior center Lance Mattes and junior guard Robert Dean. The Bulldogs, however, must replace All-America Anthony Jordan (2,260 all-purpose yards) and Damian Hines (843 yards rushing). Junior tailback Derek Staley will step up from fullback.

Defensively, only five starters return to a unit that yielded 32 points per game. Back as leaders are senior end Mike Dale and senior linebacker Cory O'Neal. All-America Scott Holmes returns as punter.

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

UAB was abuzz with the announcement last August that it will leap to Division I-A in 1996. It was abuzz again two weeks later when it was learned it will open at Auburn that year. The dizzying change continued when Jim Hilyer, the only coach the fledgling program had ever known, resigned after the season and Oklahoma offensive coordinator Watson Brown was named head coach. That the Blazers face a monumental challenge was clear a month after they committed to making the leap to the next level. They were routed (72-0) at Kansas as part of a 1-4 start last season. UAB was a club football team five years ago and offered no scholarships just three seasons ago.

Brown arrived sporting just two winning seasons in 10 as a head coach (10-45 at Vanderbilt in 1986-90). He inherits a squad that won its last six games to finish 7-4 in I-AA last fall. The Blazers lost 15 starters from that team. Brown needs to replace All-Americans John Whitcomb at quarterback and Derrick Ingram at receiver as well as the team's top rusher and tackler. He will scrap the run-and-shoot for multiple sets built on a better running game, and he'll get another crack at Division I-A this season when the Blazers travel to Southwestern Louisiana on September 9.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

The Hilltoppers will try to shake last year's collapse and rebuild behind 10 returning regulars. Coach Jack Harbaugh's team raced to a 5-2 start with an eye on a I-AA playoff berth when quarterback J.J. Jewell fell with a season-ending knee injury. The Hilltoppers lost their final four games.

Jewell's gone, but back among five returning starters on offense is junior tailback Antwan Floyd, who rushed for 1,327 yards, third-best single-season mark in school history, including seven straight 100-yard games and nine overall. Senior Daryl Houston, who took over for Jewell, will try to spark the offense. Senior center Brian Bixler anchors the line. Defensively, the Hilltoppers must replace five of their top six tacklers. Senior linebacker Dan McGrath and senior safety Corey Binford head the list of returnees.

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MIAMI

Dennis Erickson became coach of the Seattle Seahawks after guiding Miami to an amazing six-year 63-9 record and two national titles. Then defensive tackle Warren Sapp, linebacker Rohan Marley, and running back James Stewart skipped out on their senior year for a shot at the NFL. New coach Butch Davis knows all about winning. He was the defensive line coach at UM for five years, including 1987, when Miami finished No. 1. Davis also helped Jimmy Johnson mold the Dallas Cowboys into two-time Super Bowl champs.

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1. Miami
2. Boston College
3. West Virginia
4. Virginia Tech
5. Syracuse
6. Rutgers
7. Pittsburgh
8. Temple

Davis is expected to keep the Hurricanes in the national spotlight. They're favored to reign in the Big East and could contend for wider acclaim. To prepare for the task, Davis switched to a two-back pro set offense and a 4-3 multiple-scheme defense. Ryan Collins takes over at quarterback from Frank Costa, who led last year's team to a 10-1 record before a 24-17 loss to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. Collins has appeared in 21 games, including six starts, and thrown 18 touchdown passes. Chal-

lenging him are soph Ryan Clement and redshirt freshman Scott Covington.

Junior flanker Jammi German (33-391) tops a young receiving corps that also features sophs Yatiki Green, Trent Jones, and Taj Johnson. Gerard Daphnis returns at tight end with Syii Tucker and Chris C. Jones. Danyell Ferguson and Al Shipman battle at tailback, with Derrick Harris switching from tight end to fullback. Kevin Brinkworth and Carlo Joseph moved from linebacker to bolster that spot. All-Big East center K.C. Jones anchors a rebuilt line. Guard Alan Symonette and tackle Ricky Perry are returning regulars. Vying for other starting roles are junior J Ina, seniors Omar Andres and Robert Woodus, and sophs Kerlin Blaise and Freeman Brown.

Ends Kenard Lang and Kenny Holmes lead the defensive front. Lang was Big East Rookie of the Year in 1994, while Holmes trailed only Sapp in sacks with 8.5. New faces must shore up the depleted middle. Tackles Marvin Davis and Jason McCullough missed spring drills following shoulder operations. Soph Denny Fortney has recovered from a knee injury. As usual, linebacking will be a chief strength, thanks to Ray Lewis who set a UM record with 92 solo tackles. James Burgess also is back. Others in the mix include Twan Russell, Marlin Barnes, and Jeffrey Taylor. All-Big East cornerback Carlos Jones is the only holdover starter in the secondary.

Dan Prewitt booted a record 13 consecutive field goals and punter Mike Crissy return.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Dan Henning has the makings of another strong team in his second season as the Eagles' coach. Thirteen starters return from last year when B.C. capped a 7-4-1 record with a 12-7 victory over Kansas State in the Aloha Bowl. The outlook would have been even brighter, however, if defensive star Mike Mamula and offensive guard Greg Landry hadn't gone to the NFL a year early. As usual, the Eagles face one of the nation's toughest schedules. Besides perennial power Miami and six other Big East rivals, they play Ohio State in the Kick-off Classic on August 27 and Michigan, Michigan State, and Notre Dame.

Quarterback Mark Hartsell will direct a multiple offense which averaged 377.6 yards and 23.5 points per game. He completed 62 percent for 1,864 yards and 13 touchdowns. Kenyatta Watson (43-568) and Greg Grice (30-462) remain the top receivers. But Henning will miss his two tight ends, All-America Pete Mitchell and super blocker Gordon Laro. Scott Dragos and sophomore Todd Pollack replace them. Justice Smith (708 yards) takes over at tailback for David Green. All-Big East tackle Pete Kendall keys a veteran line. Other returning starters are center Tim O'Brien, guard Mark Nori, and tackle Dan Oriskovich. Redshirt freshman Doug Brzezinski or Josh Porter will be the other guard.

Despite Mamula's departure, the Eagles retain a number of linemen who shared in a league-record 47 quarterback sacks: nose guard Tim Morabito, tackle Chris Sullivan, and ends Nick Gianacacos, Joe O'Brien, and Stalin Colinet. All-America linebacker

Stephen Boyd is gone, but Matt Haff and Brian Maye should step up. Sophs Markell Blount and Erik Storz have experience. Cornerback Daryl Porter and safety Terrence Wiggins remain fixtures in a strong secondary. Tony Ransome and Rob Clifford are the likely new starters. B.C. held opponents to 267.9 yards and 14.7 points per game last fall.

Soph Chris Hackett may take over both the place-kicking and punting.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers reversed a struggling 1-4 start with an impressive 6-1 turnaround and finished third in the Big East. Then a disap-



pointing 24-21 defeat to underdog South Carolina in the Carquest Bowl extended the school's postseason losing streak to five. Coach Don Nehlen rarely has been more upbeat, however, going into his 16th season at Morgantown. With 19 players who have started games, he believes this team could be stronger in every phase except punting. All-America Todd Sauerbrun was the first kicker selected in the NFL draft.

The high-powered offense could exceed last year's averages of 367 yards and 22.8 points per game. Starting quarterback Chad Johnston and backup Eric Boykin combined for 2,735 passing yards and 20 touchdowns. All-East Rahsaan Vanterpool (50-849-5) and rugged tight end Lovett Purnell (41-547-4) are the primary targets. Tailbacks Robert Walker (749 yards) and Jimmy Gary (406) head a rushing attack which also features fullback Kantroy Barber. A line which has grown considerably includes tackles Chris Klick and Joe DeLong, guard Buddy Hager, and center Derrick Bell, all returning regulars. Tom Habak will replace all-East guard Tom Robsack.

All-America cornerback Aaron Beasley, who led the nation with 10 interceptions, is back. End John Browning and rush linebacker Canute Curtis remain sack-minded fixtures up front with tackles Henry Slay and Keith Morris. Top tackler J.T. Thomas will

be joined at linebacker by Elige Longino and Bernardo Amerson or Bernard Russ. Mike Logan, who missed spring drills with a broken wrist, again will pair with Beasley on the corners. Vann Washington and Charles Emanuel are standout safeties.

VIRGINIA TECH

Developing greater depth is the key to the Hokies' hopes for another successful season. Seventeen starters return from the team that went 8-4, including the school's unprecedented second consecutive bowl appearance, and finished second in the Big East. After a soaring 7-1 start, Tech dropped three of its final four games.

With record-setting Maurice DeShazo gone, junior Jim Druckenmiller or redshirt freshman Al Clark will be the quarterback. Neither player has been significantly tested, however, and that's a major concern for coach Frank Beamer. The Hokies play league powers Miami and Boston College in the first three weeks. Flanker Bryan Still, tailback Dwayne Thomas, and fullback Brian Edmonds remain solid regulars. Still averaged an amazing 21.7 yards per reception. Thomas rushed for 675 yards in eight games, and Edmonds gained 295 on 55 carries. Jermaine Holmes (34-432) succeeds Antonio Freeman at split end, with Bryan Jennings taking over tight end. The line returns nearly intact: tackles Jay Hagood and Mike Bianchin, guard Chris Malone, and center Billy Conaty. Todd Washington will fill the other guard.

End Cornell Brown and rover Torian Gray, lead a defense which returns all but one starter. Linebacker George Del Ricco, the top tackler, and Antonio Banks, moved from safety to cornerback, are other standouts. Tackles J.C. Price and Waverly Jackson, outside linebacker Brandon Semones, and cornerbacks William Yarborough and Larry Green are also back. Yarborough shifts to safety. Soph Tony Morrison likely will replace all-Big East linebacker Ken Brown.

Tech's schedule shows just five home games, including Boston College, Cincinnati, and Miami at season's start. The Hokies sorely need early success, because six of the last eight games are on the road.

SYRACUSE

This shapes up as a critical year for Paul Pasqualoni. After producing 10-2 teams in his first two seasons as coach, his Orangemen slipped to 6-4-1 and 7-4. Last year's club started 6-1 but lost three of its final four. Now Pasqualoni must go with a young squad. Just seven seniors start.

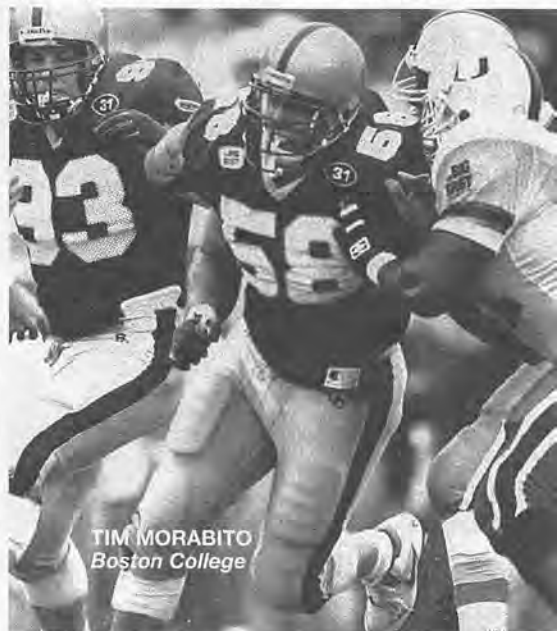
For the first time in six years, quarterback is up for grabs. Soph Keith Downing may have a slight edge over redshirt frosh Donovan McNabb and Kevin Johnson. The Orange want to gain more (348.8 ypg) and give up less (397.7) than last season. All-Big East split end Marvin Harrison and Sir Mawn Wilson head the receiving corps. The only question is finding someone to get the ball to

them. Malcolm Thomas (668 yards) succeeds standout Kirby Dar Dar at tailback, with Terry Morris returning at fullback. Sophs Roland Williams and Kaseem Sinceno are the tight ends. Guards Cy Ellsworth and Shelton Prescott return to the line with tackle Jim Ledger. Harvey Pennypacker takes over at center, with Brad Patkochis or Mike Russnok at the other tackle.

Defensively, rebuilding the front is the tallest task. Tackle Dave Rebar, the lone holdover, missed most of spring following shoulder surgery. He's projected at nose guard when he returns, with former linebackers Scott Freeney and Jason Walters the tackles. Despite the loss of all-star Dan Conley, the linebacking should be strong. Chris Marques and Nate Hemsley (outside) and Antwaune Ponds and Dana Cottrell (inside) are the best of the bunch. Cornerback Kevin Abrams and safety Darrell Parker remain fixtures in the secondary. Joining them will be Rod Gadson and Donovan Darius.

RUTGERS

Despite 4-7 and 5-5-1 records the past two years, coach Doug Graber won't be content



unless the Scarlet Knights qualify for post-season play in 1995. "Anything short of a bowl game is not a successful season at all," he said. "We have a chance to be a good offensive team. The real key is the improvement we make on defense." Seven starters on each side of the ball return.

Ray Lucas directs an offense which topped 4,000 yards for the third consecutive year. He averaged 202.6 yards himself, including 1,869 passing overall. Tailback Terrell Willis, a two-time all-Big East selection (1,080 yards), heads a ground game which also features Bruce Presley (546), who missed spring drills. Juniors Ezra Johnson and Bob Seeger and redshirt freshman Marc Demyen are at fullback. Marco Battaglia (58-779-4) may be the nation's top returning tight end. Reggie Funderburk (55-751-8) and soph Steve Harper head the wideouts. The line must be reconstructed around tackle Robert Barr

and guard Chris Kennedy. Versatile Jack McKiernan and Pat Gorman are the leading contenders for the other spots. The mix also includes Michael Theokas, T.J. Spizzo, and Mike Craig.

Safety Mark Washington and tackle Rashod Swinger will spearhead the 4-3 defense. Jim Guarnera has been joined at end by Rusty Swartz, who started at outside linebacker. Middle linebacker Rahsaan

Giddings, cornerback Drek Ward, and safety Thomas Kelly also are returning regulars. Ends Bruce Spaulding and Rudy Smith and tackle Mike Karwacki have experience. Giddings has moved to outside linebacker, with Brian Sheridan in the middle and Mike Brestle at the other outside post.

PITTSBURGH

This could be year the Panthers turn the corner in Johnny Majors' rebuilding program. Despite back-to-back 3-8 years, the coach is optimistic with 16 starters back.

Tailback Billy West, the Big East Offensive Player of the Year as a sophomore, keys a unit which also features quarterback John Ryan and wide receiver Dietrich Jells. West rushed for 1,358 yards. Ryan, the league's efficiency leader, passed for 1,294 yards and 14 touchdowns as a part-time starter. With 112 receptions and 2,214 yards, Jells needs only 22 catches and 51 yards to become the school's all-time leader. Freshman Chris Schneider is challenging Vince Williams at fullback. Dell Seagraves returns at tight end. Joining Jells in the receiving corps will be Mark Butler, Jay Jones, Curtis Anderson, and Vital Joseph. Majors has some gaps to fill in the line. Sophomore Reggie Thomas, who started at guard, has moved to center. Jeff Craig and Tim Glass will be the guards, with soph Tony Orlandini at tackle. Matt Hosilyk and Tim Robbins switched from defense to bolster the line.

Nine starters return to a defense which showed progress down the stretch. End Zaititi Moody and tackles Mike Halapin and Tyler Young are up front. All-star candidate Tom Tumulty heads the linebacking. Top tackler Jason Chavis also returns, and David Sumner has shifted from free safety to outside linebacker. Cornerbacks Denorse Mosley and Anthony Dorsett will be joined in the secondary by Jim Williams and Curtis McGhee. Punter Nate Cochran (41.8) is the Big East's top returner.

TEMPLE

The Owls were a disappointing 3-19 in coach Ron Dickerson's first two years. Temple, the only school yet to win a Big East game, shows just two winning seasons in 15 years. All-star candidates Henry Burris, John Summerday, and Lance Johnstone are among 16 returning starters.

Burris was the Big East's most productive quarterback as a record-breaking soph, throwing for 2,716 yards and 21 touchdowns as the passing attack went from last to first in the Big East, averaging 250.6 yards per game. Van Johnson (34-622) and Marc Baxter (33-589) are big-play receivers. Tailbacks Juan Gaddy and Danny Davis can catch as well as run. Rugged Corey Green, who started at safety, has switched to fullback. The line returns intact: tackles Eric Johnson and Jon Clark, guards Summerday and Ed Bowen, and center Tom Berger.



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The defensive unit also made a significant transformation, going from last to first in turnover-ratio margin. With seven starters back, Dickerson hopes for even greater efficiency this fall. Top tackler Johnstone will be joined at linebacker by rising star Alshermund Singleton, who forced five fumbles, and Alabama transfer Willie Brown. Other returning regulars include end Tim Terry, tackle Andy Phipps, and backs Robert McWilliams and Allan Jackson. Tealang Lloyd has switched from end to nose guard. There's depth up front and in the secondary.

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ARMY

With a little luck, the Cadets might have gone 8-3 instead of 4-7 last year. They lost four games by just six points or less. There's reason for more optimism on the banks of the Hudson this fall. Thirteen regulars plus 10 others with starting experience return. Squaring away the offensive backfield is a major concern for fifth-year head coach Bob Sutton. Rebuilding all phases of the kicking game and developing linebacker depth are others.

Army has ranked among the nation's rushing leaders since adopting the wishbone in 1984. It finished seventh last year (248.9 ypg). But fullback Joe Ross and halfback Kevin Vaughn, the top two rushers, have graduated. And fullback Akili King (knee and shoulder) and halfback Abel Young (shoulder) missed spring drills after offseason surgery. Lee Gibson was the No. 1 fullback in the spring, and Jeff Brizic and Steve Carpenter the leading halfbacks. Ronnie McCada has eight starts at quarterback. Ron Leshinski is a third-year regular at tight end, and Ron Thomas and Leon Gantt are split ends. The line remains virtually intact. Tackle Bill Blair and guards Koel Davis and Ed Stover return. Mike Wells moved from center to left tackle, with Kyle Scott and Tim Booth battling at center. Rich Fredricks and Matt Yost could push Wells.

Sutton's concern about the inside linebacking grew as spring practice opened. Starter Brian Tucker injured his right knee and required surgery. His availability is uncertain. Ben Kotwica and Stephen King are the only lettered inside linebackers. Chris Gedwed returns on the outside with Bill Doult. Tackles Al Roberts and Adrian Calame and nose guard Colin Kearns round out the front. The secondary includes Ray Tomasits, Jim Cantelupe, Abdullah Muhammad, Garland Gay, and Derek Klein.

NAVY

The Midshipmen hope for smoother sailing with Charlie Weatherbie at the helm. He replaced George Chaump after last year's disappointing 3-8 season, which included a third straight loss to Army. Weatherbie has installed a new spread offense, with two slotbacks and one running back, and a 4-3 defensive alignment. He also vows to instill a new attitude for Navy, which has gone more than a decade without a winning season. Sixteen starters return.

Junior Ben Fay or senior Eddie Buckles will succeed quarterback Jim Kubiak, who passed for 6,008 yards while setting 22

school records. Both are capable of running and throwing as required in the new triple option. Howard Bryant, Chris McCoy, and Denis Kane also are in the QB mix. Monty Williams, Patrick McGrew, Omar Nelson, and Will Smith are experienced backs. But the Middies averaged a mere 29 attempts and 55.7 yards rushing per game. The receiving corps is being reconstructed around Matt Scornavacchi and Ross Scott. Brian Grana is the tight end. Four starters return up front: guards Alex Domino and Bryce Minamy, tackle Erasto Jackson, and center Garrett Smith. David Petko or Hunter Jones will fill the other spot.

Defensively, the Midshipmen should be improved with all-star candidates in linebacker Fernando Harris and end Andy Person. Tackle Mark Hammond, who had 10 tackles for losses, and linebacker Clint Bruce also return. The secondary looks strong with leading tackler Andy Thompson, Joe Speed, and soph Gervy Alota. Ends Colin Echols, Cal Quinn, and Chad Holzapfel are contending for playing time with tackles Sean Smith, Dave Loya, and Brian Nowitzki. Robert Green could be the fourth D-back.

patriot league

predictions

- patriot league**
1. Lafayette
 2. Lehigh
 3. Holy Cross
 4. Bucknell
 5. Colgate
 6. Fordham

Lafayette's 1994 championship season in the Patriot League was one for the ages—most unorthodox and truly bizarre—but predicted in Street & Smith's. The Leopards lost their first six games, even with Erik Marsh, the greatest tailback in school history, and their most talented defensive unit ever. But the Leopards rallied behind freshman quarterback Shawn McHale to win their last five league games.

The winner of the annual Lehigh-Lafayette classic, the final league game in late November and college football's most-played rivalry, has also captured the last three Patriot titles. Look for the Leopards to repeat, sticking closer to a more logical script. Lehigh is a cinch to score points with Bob Aylsworth, the league's No. 1 passer, and Brian Klingerman, the Patriot's best receiver. Holy Cross is improved, but probably not enough to overtake Lafayette and Lehigh. Bucknell has the preseason player of the year in tailback Rich Lemon, but new coach Tom Gadd is looking for a quarterback.

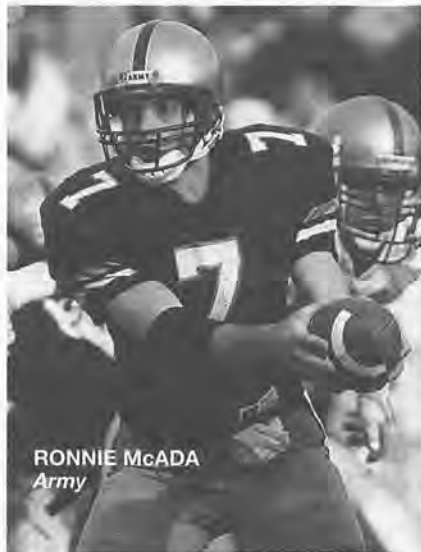
LAFAYETTE

Erik Marsh was the first tailback in coach Bill Russo's 14 years to survive four seasons in the multiple-I attack. While Marsh is

gone, the Leopards have no shortage of productive players. Sophomore quarterback Shawn McHale's strong finish, combined with the return of linebackers Rawle Howard and Dan Bengenele, split end Tramont Evans, defensive tackle Gavin Morrissey, Jarrett Shine's switch from flanker to tailback, and a seasoned secondary, has Lafayette looking to repeat.

McHale (1,845 yards passing) was the league's co-Rookie of the Year. Evans (22.6-yard average and 7 TDs) is a burner who developed into a big-play performer during the Leopards' run to the title. An experienced line was given special attention in the spring with former guard Jim White getting extra reps as the new center.

Defensive line is a concern, except for Morrissey, but the rest of the unit is championship caliber. Howard, a relentless sideline-to-sideline pursuer and the league's leading tackler, is the preseason defensive player of the year. The secondary is



RONNIE McCADA
Army

stocked with corners Tadj Chatman and Kevin Conaboy and safeties Matt Cope, B.J. Gallis, and Rob McPheeters.

Two areas working against the Leopards are a schedule with seven road games and a freshman place-kicker.

LEHIGH

The Engineers have all the pieces to lead the Patriot League in passing for the seventh year in a row. But what comes in the front door might go right out the back as coach Kevin Higgins assembles a defensive unit around three of last year's regulars. It's ludicrous, Higgins says, to think a team can be considered a contender after losing eight defensive starters. Senior tackle D'Andre Dina, junior middle linebacker Lance Eckenrode, and junior free safety Mark Miller are the returnees. Higgins is counting on freshmen Steve Specia, Saundrell Davison, Brandon Hill, and Chad Dainty to plug voids in the secondary.

While things are sorted out defensively, quarterback Bob Aylsworth and flanker Brian Klingerman are a cinch to thread their way through opposing secondaries. Aylsworth, a Tulane transfer, passed for more than 2,500 yards and had the best

career completion rate (63.2) in school history. Klingerman caught 71 passes for 1,135 yards and 11 TDs. Higgins continues to stress the importance of establishing a reliable ground attack with junior tailback Rabi Abdullah (915 yards) and soph fullback Chris Ashby.

HOLY CROSS

The preseason front-runners might be advised to check over their shoulders on occasion. Holy Cross, the dominant force with five of six championships in the league's early days, is coming back. Coach Peter Vaas, who lost his first two quarterbacks, is going with untested junior Chad Vaughn. "I believe you win with great defense," said Vaas. "That's what won it for Lafayette a year ago."

Defense here begins with junior all-league inside linebacker David Streeter, who was No. 2 on the team in tackles. Streeter had off-season shoulder surgery and was excused from contact drills during spring practice. The Crusaders must replace Anthony Pignio, who not only did all the kicking, but had the talent to return kickoffs. They'll also field a new secondary around junior strong safety Justin Relihan.

Youth spills over to the offense as well with soph wideouts Jeff Laboranti and John Myers and tailback J.R. Walz, the league's co-Rookie of the Year, who rushed for 712 yards and seven TDs. The player to watch is senior offensive tackle Tom Claro, whom Vaas is touting as an All-America candidate. At 6-5 and 300 pounds, he's easy to spot. Claro is a rarity in an era of redshirt athletes. While most college seniors are 22 years old, Claro won't turn 21 until December 14.

BUCKNELL

Opponents will take their shots at Rich Lemon, the junior tailback who set a school record with 1,496 rushing yards. The charge for first-year coach Tom Gadd and new quarterback Jim Fox, is to divert attention to an effective passing game. Fox has

never taken a college snap. A diversified offense could be short-circuited by an unsettled line. Tackle Brian Gay missed spring ball to mend from knee surgery.

On the other side, senior end Ed Burman's record-tying 11 sacks last fall were no mirage. Speed is a priority. To that end,



JOE KASZTEJNA
Colgate

junior Brandon Little was switched from strong safety to outside linebacker, and sophomore Willie Hill to strong outside linebacker in the Bison's 3-4 alignment. "Next to Lemon, Hill is as good a pure athlete as we have on the team," said Gadd. Other players to watch are sophomore end Hunter Adams, senior cornerback Mark Miller, who missed spring drills because of an ankle injury, and soph Rich Miller, the league's best punter.

COLGATE

The league's best rushing team made off-season moves to keep the running game strong, but the Red Raiders, last in passing, needed spring practice and preseason camp to choose a quarterback between soph Mark Lindell and senior Ian Prisuta. A muscle tear forced Prisuta to miss the workouts. Junior fullback Jamal Patterson will get most of the calls at tailback, allowing coach Ed Sweeney to call on speedy junior Anthony Caravetta for a change of pace. Fullback goes to junior Daymon Smith, a former tailback, and soph D.J. Hough. They'll work behind a new line, except for junior tackle Jack Durkin. Junior J.J. Hope and senior tight end Jon O'Flynn (33-332) are the best of the returning receivers.

The return of all four linebackers in a 3-4 system, seniors Tom Morelli and Blair Hicks and juniors Chris Young and Adam Sofran, should enable the Red Raiders to improve against the run (league-worst 196.8 ypg). But concerned over play on the outside, Sweeney has moved Hicks to one end and senior tackle Joe Kasztejna to the other. Marcus Cameron, a junior all-Patriot cornerback and the league leader with four interceptions, is Colgate's top player.

FORDHAM

Fordham football becomes a stepchild of sorts in the wake of the Rams' withdrawal from the Patriot League to join the Atlantic-10 in all other sports. The Patriot League needs the football Rams to maintain a six-team confederation. The Rams have been

more than obliging to their league opponents, going 2-23 over five seasons. And after their front seven was gutted save for junior defensive tackle Carl Barbera, second-year coach Nick Quartaro will continue to struggle. All is not bleak defensively. Three seniors, safeties Chris O'Leary and Leon Kennedy and cornerback Won Kyu Rim, are two-year starters.

Fordham was No. 2 in the league in passing. Big (6-6, 220) left-handed senior quarterback Joe Moorhead can throw to Calvin Hargrove, who broke his ankle near the end of preseason camp last year and returns as a fifth-year senior. The Rams are not a good rushing team. Junior tailback Andre Robinson gets the ball behind a line with four returning starters, including senior guard Steve Borys. A sign of bad times last fall were the stats of rookie Barry Cantrell, who set league records for game and season punting yardage and tied the record for punts in a game.

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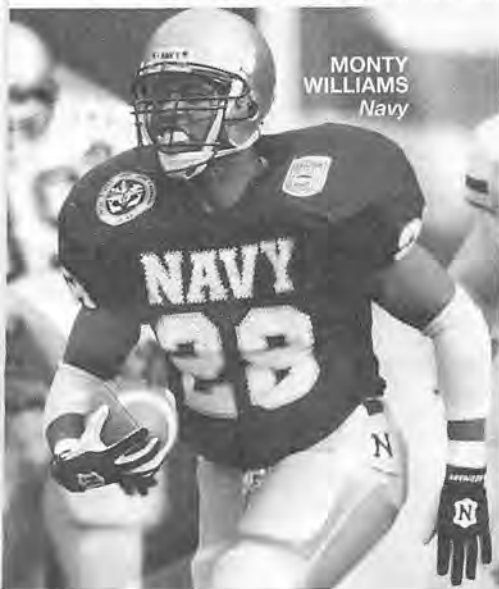
1. Penn
2. Brown
3. Princeton
4. Harvard
5. Dartmouth
6. Cornell
7. Columbia
8. Yale

The road to the Ivy League championship should again go through Philadelphia, but the roadblocks this time may be different. Princeton will be there. Nothing new about that. But two unfamiliar obstacles, Brown and—are you ready for this—Columbia, stand in the way. Two-time defending champion Penn has lost nine first- or second-team all-league players. Two of the top guns, quarterback Mark DeRosa and receiver Miles Macik, should be enough to keep the Quakers a lethal force. But the defense could be a problem.

No matter, Penn is still perched on top, albeit precariously. Brown's "Whip-Lash" offense is coming off a record-setting year with many of its weapons intact. Princeton returns almost all of another stingy defense. And Columbia is riding a crest of momentum after finishing at 5-4-1.

PENN

First the bad news for the Quakers: Coach Al Bagnoli must find replacements for seven all-league players and two who made the second team. Key among the casualties is linebacker Pat Goodwillie, only the fifth defensive player ever to be the Ivy League MVP. But the survivors are impressive, especially junior quarterback Mark DeRosa, who led the league in passing



MONTY WILLIAMS
Navy

percentage (.623) and touchdown passes (13). DeRosa, however, is not the key returnee, not with 6-4 receiver Miles Macik (60 catches for 708 yards and 8 TDs) back in a league of 5-9 defensive backs.

The biggest hole was left by running back Terrance Stokes, who accounted for 116.9 yards per game last fall. Juniors Jasen Scott and Aman Abye appear capable of carrying the ball but must prove they can catch it out of the backfield. The line took a hit from graduation with the loss of all-league center Pete Giannakoulis and second-team guard Mike Teller, but Bill Glascott, Matt Julien, and Jon Freeman all have experience.

The Quakers ranked first in total defense (218.9-yard average), scoring (7.6 ppg), and pass efficiency, but an encore performance won't be easy. Still, the return of three all-league second-teamers, backs Kevin Allen and Nick Morris and end Tom McGarrity, is a good start.

BROWN

The Bears (11 victories in seven years) made a giant turnaround last fall, posting their first winning record since 1987, going 7-3 overall and 4-3 in the Ivy, good for a second-place tie with Princeton, and sweeping their last four games. If those numbers were impressive, they paled beside the 223 points the team scored, including the 59 in the finale against Columbia that tied a league single-game high. Big numbers are not alien to second-year coach Mark Whipple, 37, who was 48-17 in six years as head coach and offensive coordinator at New Haven, and whose team led all NCAA divisions in scoring offense (50.5 ppg) and total offense (587.7 ypg) in 1992.

The numbers should continue to be impressive since three of the key producers last season, quarterback Jason McCullough and running backs Paul Fichiera and Marquis Jessie, return along with offensive linemen Matt Silvia, Drew Palmer, and Dan McClutchy. McCullough threw for 1,724 yards, including 358 against Rhode Island. Fichiera and Jessie combined for 1,488 rushing yards. One part of the puzzle may be finding adequate receivers.

But Brown's improvement was not only because of its offense. The Bears lowered their allowance by eight points a game and return eight regulars, led by tackle Tony Quarnaccio, who had 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and seven sacks, and tackle Brendan Finneran, who had five tackles for losses.

PRINCETON

Coach Steve Tosches remembers 1990. It was the year after all-Ivy running back Judd Garrett had helped the Tigers to the league title. It was also his only losing season as head coach as Princeton went 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the league. Last season was the year after Keith Elias. Tosches may have had reservations, but they proved unfounded. The Tigers finished second in the league and went 7-3 overall.

Known for its ground game, Princeton will miss Bill Jordan (842 yards), but Marc Washington (438 yards) is still around. No

matter, the Tigers won't be anchored to a running game since experienced quarterbacks Harry Nakielny and senior Brock Harvey are back. Even without '94 starters Marc Ross and Dave Scoggin, the Tigers have experience in junior wideouts Kevin Duffy, Alex House, and Ben Gill and senior Roly Acosta. And make room for junior Brett Budzinski, a track sprinter who will move from the No. 3 quarterback position. Tight end is also solid with Korli Kamara, Andy Fisher, and Ed Hosty.

Defensively, it figures to be business as usual. The Tigers, who allowed just 123 yards per game rushing last fall, return three of their front four, headed by all-Ivy honorees Darrell Oliveira at end and David Patterson, who teams at linebacker with Ryan Moore.

HARVARD

Tim Murphy came in last season off big-time offensive credentials at the University of Cincinnati. The Crimson showed some flashes in '94, putting up 39 points against Columbia and 35 against Colgate and Dartmouth. It was far from enough as Harvard finished 2-5 in the Ivy, losing its last three games while managing only 30 points.

The adjustment may be far from over, but the return of quarterback Vin Ferrara and running back Eion Hu will be a start. Ferrara, a second-team all-Ivy selection, completed 59 percent of his passes for 1,500 yards despite missing two league



VIN FERRARA
Harvard

games with a knee injury. His 124 completions, including 16 straight against Dartmouth, were second-best ever in school history. Hu, the league's Rookie of the Year, had even more impressive numbers (1,011 yards and 11 TDs). Ferrara can look forward to the return of seven receivers, led by senior flanker Mike Halligan (team-high 26 catches), Colby Skelton, and Mark Drakos. Senior Kweli Thompson (474 yards) will take some of the pressure off Hu. The key to the offense could be up front, where only tackle Sean Riley and guard Dan Vereb return.

Likewise three regulars are missing from the defensive line and two from the line-backing. Jason Hughes, one of Murphy's first recruits, will see plenty of time at tackle while Justin Frantz, the team's leading tackler, is back at linebacker.

DARTMOUTH

Stop me if you've heard this one before. Dartmouth is looking for one good quarterback. Would you believe one good, healthy starting quarterback? The Big Green went into 1994 looking to replace NFL-bound Jay Fiedler, appeared to have three good candidates, then lost two to injury. That plus a season-ending knee injury to your top rusher who is on his way to 1,000 yards will get you to a 2-5 league mark, four losses in your last five games, and the Ivy's puniest offense every time.

Seniors Ren Riley and Jerry Singleton and junior Jon Aljancic are back in the QB competition this fall. Riley was the starter for the first four games before breaking his arm, Singleton went the next four before succumbing to a broken wrist, and Aljancic finished up on an injured ankle. Tailback Pete Oberle had 625 yards in five-plus games before he got hurt. Coach John Lyons has options in junior Ambrose Garcia (366 yards), senior Mike Triplett, and sophs Zach Ellis and Matt Rothe, the leading rusher on the undefeated junior varsity team. While the wideouts have been depleted by graduation, tight end is secure in the hands of Abe Rife, an honorable mention all-leaguer whose role will be expanded.

The offensive and defensive lines are questionable, but Brian Larsen is set at left tackle and Taran Lent at one defensive end. The secondary appears better off with the return of free safety Lloyd Lee and corner Brian Crowell.

CORNELL

Coach Jim Hoffer said he's through looking for reasons for the 0-4 finish of last season. He said the 6-0 start may have been an aberration, a result of breaks at key moments of tight games. Next case.

The first order of business is establishing a quarterback. Senior Steve Joyce and medical redshirt sophomores Scott Carroll and Brian Opre are the candidates. Running back is far more settled, where all-league Chad Levitt (1,319 yards and 12 TDs), Terry Smith (671) and fullback Doug Ingham are back. They will be only as good as the blocking they get from a line headed by tackle Greg Bloedorn (6-7, 279). The passing game figures to benefit from the return of senior receiver Ron Mateo, who missed the last eight games last fall with a shoulder injury.

The defense is headed by two-year starting end Steve Bus, second-team all-Ivy tackle Seth Payne, and senior linebacker John Vitullo, who will be the league's first four-year starter. The secondary has experience with three-year regulars Nick Bombach and Doug Knopp.

COLUMBIA

That nationally chronicled 47-game losing streak of yesteryear is safely stored in ESPN's archives and—are you ready for this—the Lions should be a strong contender for the Ivy League title. Like everyone else, Columbia will have to replace key people off its first winning team in 23 years, especially all-league quarterback Jamie Schwalbe and all-league tight end

Brian Bassett. But the defense, which cut its allowance by a touchdown per game, yielded 230 points (the fewest since 1979), and held Penn without a TD, will be virtually intact. Senior Mike Cavanaugh succeeds Schwalbe. He gives the position a new dimension after running for 622 yards last fall. Fullback John Harper, Mike Quinn, and Anthony Jackson return, and watch for sophomore Mike Atkins 8 to pitch in.

Defense should take another step forward with all-league tackle Eric Keck, tackle Frank Congiusta, and end Charlie Bettinelli returning, while the linebacking unit of all-league Rory Wilfork, three-year starter Jake Lill and twin brother Jim Lill could be among the league's best. Jesse Nunn and Ralph Hudson saw enough time last season to prove they belong.

"We were a bigger, stronger and more physical team last year, and I think we should be again," said coach Ray Tellier. That seems to be the consensus around the Ivy League.

YALE

There are 15 starters returning, but the losses are at key positions and finding a running back is critical if the Bulldogs are to pose a threat to the upper division of the league. Three backs who accounted for all but 75 of the team's rushing yards are gone, with only Kena Heffernan (37 yards) seemingly assured of work. The

quarterback situation is a throwback to last season with Chris Hetherington, who rushed for 179 yards while completing 86 of 167 passes (10 interceptions), the starter, backed by Kevin Mayer. Their targets are Dan Iwan (team-high 28 catches), tight end Dave Prybyla, Jon Aram, and Jesse Steinfeldt.

The defensive line appears solid with the return of Bob Greenlee, Jeff Stone, and Matt Miller. Michael Kopcha is the lone holdover at linebacker. The secondary has experience in safety Tom Mazurkiewicz, the leading returning tackler, and Mark Wallrapp and Rob Masella (No. 2 in the league with a 24.1-yard kick-return average), who may be moved to safety.

yankee conference

predictions

new england division

1. New Hampshire
2. Boston University
3. Connecticut
4. Massachusetts
5. Rhode Island
6. Maine

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Last fall coach Bill Bowes guided the Wildcats to their best finish ever (10-2, including 8-0 in the Yankee Conference). They advanced to the second round of the I-AA playoffs for the second time in three years before their season ended with a 17-10 overtime loss to Appalachian State.

The largest holes to fill are on offense, which lost quarterback Jim Stayer, backs Avrom Smith and Lee McClinton and three linemen. Competing for Stayer's job are senior Bill Batchelder, junior Chris Bresnahan and a pair of redshirt freshmen: Matt Fischer and Jeff Hayer. There are pair of all-conference receivers in flanker Calvin Jones and tight end Jeff Tamulski. Senior Matt Mezquita and soph Dave Lopez round out the backfield at tailback and fullback. Senior tackle Chris Bourdon (6-5, 295), a two-time all-YC selection, anchors the line.

The defense should be solid. Junior linebackers Brendan Richter and Romande Carter each registered 50 tackles. The line looks to be the unit's biggest strength with senior ends Mike Foley (26 career sacks) and Joe Walker. The secondary returns Rob McCoy and Wes Mills.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The biggest question facing coach Dan Allen is how to replace quarterback Robert Dougherty, who passed for 3,596 yards and 23 TDs. Allen will look to soph Cazzie

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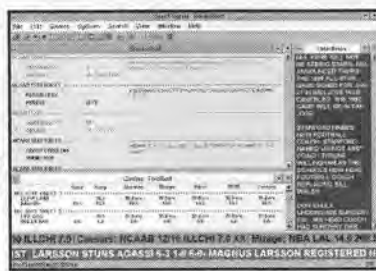
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Kosciolek and freshmen Dan Hanafin and Justin Vedder. Soph fullback Julien Dale (911 yards and 13 TDs) rejoins Don Benaglio in the backfield. Wide receiver Carnell Henderson will be missed but Chris Walker averaged 16.5 yards per catch and Ed Mantie had 31 receptions.

Corner Lex Thornton, the leading returning tackler, anchors a defense that lost just three regulars. Senior Jose Conde and sophomore Peter Gambardella return at linebackers while Ivan Padilla and Jeff Fuller bring experience to the line.

CONNECTICUT

(4-7, 4-4) Despite a fourth-place division finish, the Huskies ended '94 on an up note with a 21-13 victory over Massachusetts. Skip Holtz returns 19 starters in his second year at UConn.

The offense is led by senior tailback Wilbur Gilliard, who needs just 458 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher. He's already the career leader in touchdowns (30) and rushing TDs (29). Senior Zeke Rogers and junior Brandon Bailey

MASSACHUSETTS

The Minutemen will not let the disappointment of '94 (5-6, 4-4) stand in the way of moving up and challenging for the playoffs. Coach Mike Hodges returns 13 regulars, including the top running back in I-AA.

Fullback Rene Ingoglia led the league in rushing for the second straight year (1,505 yards and 14 TDs). Wideout Kevin Bourgoin is primarily used as a blocker but chipped in with 16 receptions, including a 71-yard touchdown vs. Northeastern. Senior Andrew McNeilly is a three-year starter at quarterback but he will be pressed by sophomores Vito Campanile and Anthony Catterton. The line returns three starters, including Dan Markowski.

UMass allowed just 284.7 yards per game and had 43 sacks and 13 interceptions. New coordinator Ted Roof lost All-America end Brian Corcoran plus tackles Ben Albert and Silas Burke and all-YC corner Tony Williams. Vernard Fennell and Ken Bello are capable line replacements. Justin Riemer is solid at linebacker and Breon Parker heads a secondary where junior Kory Blackwell replaces Williams.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rams appear to have the talent to vacate the cellar of the New England division of the Yankee Conference. Quarterback Chris Hixson is the No. 2 passer in Rhode Island history (4,341 yards and 27 TDs). He'll again look for junior classmates Cy Butler and Bobby Apgar, who combined for 140 receptions and 17 TDs last fall. Fullback Cornelius Cruz not only is a tenacious blocker but a threat in the open field, as a receiver and kickoff returner.

The defense is anchored by linebackers Lucien Belanger, Lajhon Jones, and Lou D'Agostino. They combined for 271 tackles, 11 sacks, and 22 tackles for loss. The secondary lost Dan Sullivan but returns Mark Swistak, Charod Williams, and Chris Lawson. Frank Ferrara, Will Santi and Brian Smith hold down the line.

MAINE

In hibernation the past two seasons after back-to-back 3-8 records, the Black Bears hope that 35 returning lettermen are ready to take them to the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

The offense returns eight starters, the best of whom is Brian Gaine, who owns the school record for receptions by a tight end (72). The backfield is set with juniors Andre Pam and Bob Jameson at tailback and senior Ray Baur at fullback. The line returns. Senior Steve Stinson earned second-team all-YC honors at guard. Sophomore John Tennett is the only quarterback with experience (one game), but redshirt Scott Karnholtz may get the nod.

Maine's defense returns five regulars, including linebacker Ross Fichtorn, an all-YC selection in '93 when he had 162 tackles. He struggled last season with injuries. Outside linebacker Ako Stafford, tackle Aaron Terry, and ends George McDonald and Todd Williamson should improve. The secondary is deep with Derek Carter, Alon Byers, and Greg Archie.

predictions

mid-atlantic division

1. James Madison
2. William & Mary
3. Delaware
4. Villanova
5. Northeastern
6. Richmond

JAMES MADISON

The Dukes, who captured the division title, will start the '95 season with a new head coach and an inexperienced defense but with the offense basically intact. Alex Wood replaces Rip Scherer as coach after spending the last two years as offensive coordinator at Wake Forest.

The offense is in the capable hands of senior quarterback Mike Cawley, who passed for 2,035 yards and 11 TDs. He will operate behind a veteran line that returns center David Bailey, tackles Matt Ricciardi and Brent Secrist, and tight end Ed Perry (39 receptions). Macey Brooks averaged 21.2 yards on 26 catches. Slotback Kelvin Jeter rushed for 758 yards and 8 TDs.

The defense returns six starters. Tackle Marcus Cuttino and ends Renell Jones and Julius Williams combined for 10 sacks. The secondary should be the strength of the unit with senior Kelly Wiltshire, the leading returning tackler, and juniors John Stein and David Lee. Alonzo Bowler, B.J. Mahoney, Doug Bigelow, and Chris Gill compete at linebacker.

WILLIAM & MARY

The Tribe posted back-to-back 9-2 regular season records in 1992-93 and last year went 8-3. With 19 starters returning, Jimmie Laycock is confident his squad is ready to challenge for the conference title and post-season play.

Record-setting quarterback Shawn Knight has to be replaced but there is still plenty of firepower in Troy Keen (1,175 rushing yards and 12 TDs) and Derek Fitzgerald (585 and 4). Leading receiver Terry Hammons (40-617-2) returns as one wideout with junior Mike Whipple (22-357-1) the other. Senior Matt Byrne is Shawn Knight's heir apparent, but he'll be pushed by redshirts Mike Cook and Steve Fill. All five starters return in the line.

The defense ranked No. 2 in the league and will be led by free safety Darren Sharpner (7 interceptions). Jim Simpkins anchors the line. Linebackers Jude Waddy and Stefon Moody combined for 218 tackles, including 19 behind the line.

DELAWARE

Tubby Raymond would like to celebrate his 30th year at the helm with a conference championship and a return to the I-AA playoffs. With 17 starters returning, it could be quite a party in Newark come December.

The offense averaged 315.4 yards rushing (No. 2 in the nation) and 32.7 points. Quarterbacks Keith Langan and Leo Hamlett will once again battle for the top job. They'll have a well-balanced ground game



MIKE CAWLEY
James
Madison

battle at quarterback. Seniors Monte Nowden and Heath Walker combined for 41 receptions and the line returns four starters: tackle Pat Walsh, center Baran Johnson, and guards Dan Jones and Tavar Closs.

The defense welcomes back eight regulars, including the leading returning tackler, cornerback Lamont Parker. Rejoining him in the secondary are seniors Jeff Coles and Mike Holland. Seniors Brian Gleason and Pete Kane and junior Brian Arnold give the Huskies a solid set of linemen. Outside linebackers Jerry Chanterelle, Henry Thompson, and Dexter Martin combined for 107 tackles and 7 sacks. Sophomore Brad Keatley returns at inside linebacker. David DeArmas led the league in punting (40.5 average) and set a UConn record with nine consecutive field goals.

with junior Norm Coleman (616 yards, 7 TDs) and seniors Pat Williams and Kai Hebron, who combined for 701 yards. Soph Courtney Bates averaged 25.6 yards on his 27 receptions and scored 8 TDs. A veteran line is anchored by a pair of senior All-Americans: guard Shannon Trostle (6-3, 270) and tackle Steve Archibald (6-4, 279).

Nine starters return to the defense that allowed 25.5 points and 362.6 total yards per game. Raymond expects this year's unit to be less charitable. Linebacker Ralph D'Angelo, who set a freshman record with 126 tackles, will again be paired with senior Larry McSeed. The secondary returns free safety Kenny Bailey and corner Paul Williams (5 interceptions). Juniors Mark Hondru and Jim Eagan and senior Mark Spinelli are experienced linemen.

VILLANOVA

The Wildcats should once again be in the hunt for top honors in the conference. Coach Andy Talley returns 15 regulars, including the majority of his skill players.

Quarterback Tom Marchese, who passed for 1,583 yards and nine touchdowns, directs the attack. Tailback Anthony Cowsette rushed for 635 yards and 12 TDs and will rejoin Gary Dennis in the backfield. Wide receiver Brian Finneran caught 56 passes for 807 yards and seven TDs last fall as a freshman.

The defense features solid inside linebacking in consensus All-America Tyrone Frazier, who led the Yankee Conference with 150 tackles and also had six tackles for losses and four sacks, and A.J. Burawski, who added 100 tackles, two sacks, and seven tackles for losses. Chris Curtis returns in the line. Devian Logan will be missed in the secondary, but the unit returns Kyle Helton, Curtis Dunaway, Brian Barajas, and Deon Jackson. Mark Kiefer handles the place-kicking and punting.

NORTHEASTERN

The Huskies won just two games, but they came back-to-back to close the season, and that gives coach Barry Gallup some momentum to carry into this fall.

The brightest star offensively is tailback Brian Vaughan who averaged 4.2 yards per carry en route to 888 yards. Sophomore Jim Murphy returns at quarterback, but he will be pressured by juco transfer Pat Wood. Receivers Tom Monios, Chris Brady, and Desmond Bellot combined for 68 receptions. There's beef on the line in guard Brian Chamberlain (6-5, 301) and tackle Jerome Daniels (6-6, 315).

The defense is anchored by senior corner Mark Hopkins (7 interceptions). Free safety Kris Yangas should be fully recovered from a knee injury. Reggie Thornton inside and Matt Quinn outside provide solid linebacking while seniors Mike Hosak and Dan Schena and sophs Lloyd Nugent and Cullen Boyd hold down the line.

RICHMOND

There is a new head coach in Jim Reid, who was the Spiders' defensive coordinator in 1992-93. He will have his work cut out for him because Richmond fell to 1-7 overall, 3-8 and last place in the conference.

Quarterback Joe Elrod passed for 1,245 yards but only two TDs. Fullback T.J. McNally rushed for 372 yards and had 16 receptions. Wideout Antoine Lee averaged 14.8 yards on his 23 catches. Tight end Rahmaan Streater is used primarily as a blocker and senior Jon Pritchett brings stability to the line at center.

Only three starters return on defense: nose guard Art Blanchard, tackle Chris Plunkett, and corner Lamont Neal. Blanchard proved to be a force last fall, recording 94 tackles, eight sacks, four tackles for losses, two pass deflections, and one forced fumble.

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predictions metro atlantic athletic conference

1. St. John's
2. Georgetown
3. Marist
4. Duquesne
5. Iona
6. Canisius
7. Siena
8. St. Peter's

Freshmen of influence took on a whole new meaning in the MAAC last fall. Marist running back Jovan Rhodes ran for 301 yards against Siena and was No. 2 in the league in rushing. He and freshman defensive back Mario Wilson, the Defensive Rookie of the Year, led the Red Foxes to the MAAC title in their first season. Wilson blocked a kick in five consecutive games. Quarterback Mark Levine and tailback Jermaine Creighton led St. John's to a 10-1 record. At Georgetown, running back Steve Iorio and quarterback Bill Ward revitalized the struggling Hoyas. The influx of young talent, the addition of Marist and Duquesne, and a TV package, including a national game on ESPN2, marked the MAAC's successful second season. Next year, Fairfield joins the mix.

ST. JOHN'S

St. John's had a superb season. The Red Storm's lone defeat at Marist in a rainstorm smudged an otherwise perfect season that included a 34-14 bowl victory over Wagner.

The Red Storm lost linebacker Walt DeForest, the MAAC Defensive Player of the Year, and tackle Ray Lambright, whom coach Bob Ricca called "probably the best we ever had at their positions." In three years, Ricca might say the same about sophomores Mark Levine and Jermaine Creighton. Levine passed for 1,952 yards and 15 TDs. He'll try and cut down on 12 interceptions, and he hopes the line will lower his sacks from a painful 36. Creighton rushed for 1,164 yards and six TDs and had 13 catches for 150 yards. Senior fullback John Anitra led the Red Storm with 45 receptions. John O'Leary is the leading wide receiver returning. Junior tackle Dan Rhein heads the line.

Kurt Ditzler, Stephen DeAmicis, Ken

Forte, Richard Rodriguez, and Mark Bernardini return in the secondary. Ditzler had six of St. John's 24 interceptions. DeAmicis doubles as the punter. Randolph Howard, Stephen Dombrowski, and Chris Chaisson are back at linebacker and Anthony Ferrara and Chrisner Airey on the line, conceding weight to just about every offensive lineman they'll face this fall.

GEORGETOWN

The Hoyas were 1-4 and frustrated. They'd lost three games by three points and one by seven. Then freshman quarterback Bill Ward stepped into the lineup, and Georgetown won four straight, including a 23-point rout of MAAC champion Marist. Ward completed 60.7 percent for 774 yards and 11 TDs with just two interceptions. With just about everyone back, the Hoyas figure to improve dramatically on a 5-4 record.

Rejoining Ward in the backfield is classmate Steve Iorio, who ran for 854 yards and nine TDs and caught 17 passes. Soph Joe Todisco rushed for 447 yards. The receiving corps returns: Chris Colman, Rob Rosenthal, Jim Cesare, and tight end Greg Rachinsky. Senior tackle Derek deBakker and sophomore guards Steve Ozeranic and Jeff Blumberg are back.

The defense, which allowed more than 19 points just once, features linebackers Tom Wonica, the leading tackler, Eric Behrens, and T.J. Fletcher. Free safety Chris Johnston had a team-high five interceptions. Defensive backs Dan Cunniffe, Sam Wales, and Reid Ruberti also return. Strong safety Joe Eacobacci switches to end, where he joins Enrico Mariani, Scott Aubuchon (7 sacks), and Janne Kouri.

MARIST

The opener was about as painful as it gets. Central Connecticut State faced a fourth-and-12 with 37 seconds left and completed a 57-yard TD pass to win, 24-22. The Red Foxes did just fine in the MAAC, however, winning it with a 6-1 record and finishing 7-3 overall. Their chance to repeat depends on replacing seven offensive starters. The defense has been ranked in the top 10 nationally in rushing and total yards.

Linemen Omar Bivins, Darren Valdes, and Jeff Saccomanno combined for 20.5 sacks. Linebacker Roger Hancock added five more. Safety Mario Wilson and Malik Woodard had 10 interceptions. A big loss is cornerback Bruce Harris (6 interceptions), who is the school record holder in kickoff and punt returns.

Jovan Rhodes was second in the MAAC in rushing (1,059 yards and 9 TDs). At quarterback, Pete Ford, who split the job last season with Bob Delponte, has the job to himself this time. His receiving corps is stronger with the return of Chris D'Autorio, who was redshirted after injuring his knee in the second game. Jon Reed caught nine passes for 102 yards and two TDs. The line, which lost three regulars, will rely heavily on senior tackle James Wynkoop and sophomore center Hugh Stanton.

DUQUESNE

The Dukes started 4-0 last season but finished 6-4 overall and third in the league at 4-

3. Third-year coach Greg Gattuso has a veteran defense and an offense that should be improved with senior tailbacks Todd Killian and Bill Green. Brian Staines and freshman Dave Loya split the quarterback job last season. Staines passed for 581 yards, three TDs and six interceptions, and went 2-2 as a starter. Freshman Dave Loya stepped in and went 4-2, throwing for 726 yards, two TDs, and seven interceptions. Two solid receivers are back: junior Mark Neely (27 catches) and soph Joe Rosato (21). Two linemen and a tight end graduated, but Andy Crocker, Carlos Rivera, and Scott Schweizer return.

The defense ranked ninth nationally in pass efficiency and scoring and 11th in total yards. Key players are senior end John Wojciechowski and senior cornerback Mauro Monz (10 career interceptions). Kris Bergman has made 17 straight PATs and 41 of 43 in his career. Punter Bruce Nelson was second in the MAAC (34.9).

IONA

Which Iona will show up this fall? The 1993 version went 9-2. Last year's loaded club fell to 3-6. So what happens now? The Gaels boast the MAAC Player of the Year in senior quarterback Tom Proudian, who passed for 2,326 yards and 15 TDs and finished sixth in the nation in total yardage. Sophomore Eric Spezio had 53 catches and junior Anthony Porcaro had 22. To keep defenses out of Proudian's face, the running game must improve. Rich McCalla and Billy DeVito com-

bined for 435 yards rushing and 41 receptions. Four seniors comprise the line: center Tim Beyrer, guard Tom Feliciotto Jr., and tackles Keith Matone and Louis Vesce.

The defense will be better if senior tackles John Calandros and Ron Clark are recovered from injuries. End Mike Elfreich returns, as do Jeff Commander and Cameron Edwards, who saw plenty of time last year at tackle. Senior Dan Bergin and sophomore Brandon Frisch are back at linebacker, while sophs Chris LaMotta and Whitney Epps make the secondary strong.

CANISIUS

Chuck Williams, 61, waited a long time for his first college head coaching job, and he got it when the Golden Griffins named him last January. As defensive coordinator the last three years, he's familiar with his personnel. And the Griffins don't have to do much to improve on a 2-8 record.

Canisius ranked 23rd in the country in total yards. Ends Frank Zabawa and Scott Dochat, tackle T.J. Webb, and fourth-year linebacker C.J. Hurrell play in front of a veteran secondary: cornerbacks Jeff Shewan and Jason Ozolins and safeties Aaron Fix and Chris Carlson. Fix (4 TDs) was named All-America as a punt returner.

The problems were on offense, which managed just seven points in the final two games and failed to top 14 points in five others. The line is anchored by tackle Chris Edwards and guards Jon Sanfratello and

Ted Swavely. The loss of leading rushers Turhan Jordan and Kirk Deshaies demands more production from tailback Scott Phillips and fullback Lance Cummings. Ben Kucia, who passed for 897 yards (5 TDs and 12 interceptions), will have to fend off Paul Marvar and freshman Brent Seewald. The receivers include Mark Kolbe, Tom Bernardo, and Dean Haynesworth.

SIENA

The Saints couldn't find a way to win in 1993. Last year, they won two on the field and one off when St. Peter's had to forfeit a victory for using an ineligible player. That made the Saints 3-6. The program is slowly moving forward, but coach Jack DuBois has to improve a defense which allowed 27 points and 388 yards per game and returns just four starters. Senior end Tom Gianatasio keys the line. Scott Snyder and Scott Hartmann return at linebacker and Todd Keefer at safety.

The running game is solid, thanks to Reggie Greene and Jeff Sawulski. Quarterback Scott Riecke passed for 1,209 yards and eight TDs but was intercepted 11 times. His favorite target is Andre DiDomenico (27 catches). Three regulars return on the line: Steve Mazuroski, Dave Commander, and Rob Egan. James Layfield and John Madigan should step in to fill the two vacancies. The Saints attempted just one field goal and 11 PATs last season. Kicker Frank Waterson hopes for more action this fall.

ST. PETER'S

Forfeiting St. Peter's lone victory last fall may have violated the Bill of Rights: It was cruel and unusual punishment for coach Mark Collins. This season could be just as painful. Only 16 players are expected back from last year's team. All five starters return on the offensive line, led by Carlos Dias, Marc Malloy, and Justin Treloar. Sophomore Keith Kettles returns at quarterback. The Peacocks' leading returning receiver, tight end Brian Grenard, caught just four passes a year ago. Tailback Eddie McDowell rushed for 229 yards.

All-MAAC middle linebacker Markeem Watson and tackle Enrique Pizarro are the only regulars back in the defensive front seven. Everybody returns in the secondary, including Lou Zampella, who had half of the team's four interceptions. The Peacocks also have to generate more pressure. They had just 11 sacks.

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1. Robert Morris
2. Hofstra
3. Towson State
4. Wagner
5. Monmouth
6. Central Connecticut
7. Buffalo
8. St. Francis (PA)

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ROBERT MORRIS

Before his team began its first season with a 24-19 victory over Waynesburg last September, Joe Walton was as worked up as he'd ever been in the pros. "It was one of the most exciting days I ever had in football. The enthusiasm the kids had...I hadn't seen that in a long time."

Look for it again this fall. Walton labels senior fullback Tim Hall (1,336 yards and 11 TDs) a pro prospect. Hall averaged a 1-AA record 8.7 yards per carry and 148.6 yards per game. He also caught 26 passes. Jake Newman threw for 17 TDs and 1,723 yards, but he'll need better protection. He was sacked 31 times. Tackle Brian Cleary and center Aaron Doolittle, who didn't play high school football, key the line. Robert Frazier led the Colonials with 28 catches and seven TDs. The multiple defense is led by linebacker Nate List, who rejoins free safety Brian Dunn, backs Dante Payne and John Rochford, tackle Odish Felde, and linebacker Jason Spencer.

Walton, who hopes to have an on-campus stadium within three years, can't wait for his second season. "I had more fun coaching last year than I had in 20 years. It was just a great experience," he said.

HOFSTRA

The Flying Dutchmen finished 1994 ranked No. 22 in I-AA, but lost eight starters from a defense which ranked second in rushing and 16th in scoring. On the plus side, they return two exceptional seniors: safety Brian Clark, a first-team All-America who led the nation with nine interceptions, and cornerback Ty Sunday. The only starter back from the front seven is senior tackle Jim Shannon. Joe Gardi added linebackers Jim Emanuel, who was MVP of the Philadelphia Catholic League, and Adam Brown of near-by Deer Park, NY.

Hofstra's run-and-shoot offense lost quarterback Carlos Garay and receivers Wayne Chrebet and Michael Wright, but returns senior tailback Hayward Cromartie (716 yards). Sophomores Jeff Yeakel and Mike Gambelunghe and freshman Jimmy Jones provide depth at running back. Senior Kharon Brown steps in at quarterback. His favorite target is Nick Johnson (39 catches). The line is a decided strength with guards Dave Fiore and Joe Yanis. Tackles Stephen Chmela and DeMingo Graham and center Owen Gardner are returning starters.

TOWSON STATE

Towson State is the anti-Hofstra, playing its first season without scholarships. It won't be easy for coach Gordy Combs. Among the 14 starters missing from an 8-2 team which averaged 36.4 points are quarterback Dan Crowley, who threw for 8,900 yards and 81 touchdowns as the most prolific passer in Maryland college football history, and Mark Orlando, who led I-AA in receiving yards per game (135.9) and punt returns (19.8). Redshirt freshmen Ryan Waltz gets first crack at QB. Thousand-yard rusher Brian McCarty and fullback John Swigart are gone from the backfield, leaving Paul Hall and Maurice Sydnor. Split end Shawn Ward and flanker Amadi Eze com-

bined for 34 catches. Tackle Robbie Bundy and center David Snyder return on a line that allowed just seven sacks.

The defense returns linemen Paul Brock, Tim Moran, and John Bardak, who missed most of '94 with a broken leg, and linebackers Marco Calise, Dan Nate, and Dedin Witherspoon.

WAGNER

Coach Walt Hameline, whose 6-5 mark last year made his 14-year record 110-37-2, is excited about his new quarterback, Cincinnati transfer Jason Miletic, who will replace departed quarterback Jason Cue, Wagner's all-time passing leader (4,590 yards). Senior tailback Kito Lockwood ranked 13th in the nation in all-purpose yards per game (158.9). The leading returning receiver is senior Sean Hurley (35 catches). Four returnees make the line solid: guards Rick Grimaldi and Vince DeRome, tackle Tony Capua, and center Randy Marciano.

Vin Fyfe is back on the defensive line, but the Seahawks' strength is at linebacker, where Raycine Ward led the team in tackles, sacks, fumble recoveries, and forced fumbles. Linebackers Bill Sommers and Ryan Linder return, as does free safety Jason Scholz (5 interceptions).

MONMOUTH

Watch out for the Hawks. After a 2-5 record in its first year of football, Monmouth rallied from a 1-2 start last fall to win six straight and finish 7-2. And everyone is back. The Hawks pitched shutouts against Pace, Western New England, and Stonehill and were ranked fourth defensively in scoring, eighth overall, and ninth in rushing. David Lewis led the team in tackles and interceptions while end Tim Canavan topped the Hawks in sacks and forced fumbles. Another key player is linebacker John Mendes.

Monmouth took off when coach Kevin Callahan made Dan Sabella the quarterback. He passed for 1,015 yards and nine TDs with only three interceptions. Seven different receivers had at least 10 catches, led by Marcus Winters (39 for 592). The ground game was well-balanced with Jim Varick, Ralph O'Neil, and Chris Reed. Among the top recruits are tight ends David Monro and Brett Bara, wideout David Kantor, and safety Mike McCambley.

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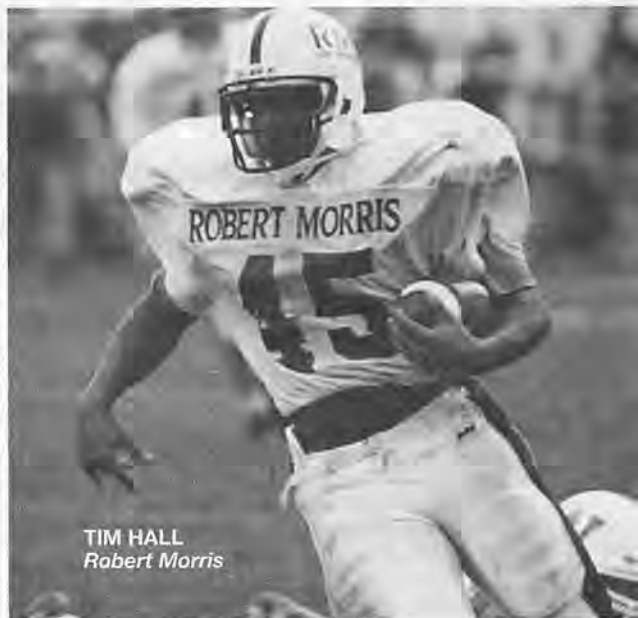
The Blue Devils have a lot of holes to fill following a wildly erratic 4-6 season which saw them sandwich wins at St. Peter's and Springfield around a 62-7 loss to Hofstra. Coach Sal Cintorino lost his quarterback, top rusher, top receiver, and leading tackler. Stan House steps up at tailback and Jude Hinrichs at quarterback. Split end Ed Poland was third on the team in receptions. Center John Lyons and guards Brian Harney and Michael Graham return on the line. The top defensive players back are linebackers Ed Zaske-

and Jerry Harney, tackle David Jack, nose guard Herb Johnson, and free safety Jim Melchiona.

BUFFALO

Talk about a tough year. The Bulls (3-8) opened with a 35-0 loss at James Madison and closed with 49-7 and 48-0 defeats at Western Illinois and Central Florida. Junior quarterback Mark Taylor starts behind a huge line: guards Eric Bicocchi (6-5, 325) and Kyle Booker (6-5, 245) and tackles Edward Ellis (6-6, 295) and Mark DiNardo (6-4, 275). Soph backs Anthony Swan and Brad Bess complement wide receivers Anthony Scott and Keith Warren and tight end Chris Behan.

Nine starters are back on a defense which allowed 30.1 points per game. Seniors Vince Canosa and Rich "Bubba" Walker and sophomore Hardy Mitchell hold down the line. Linebackers Pete Conley, who had 20 tackles in a game against Cheyney State and a team-high 108 for the season, and Craig Guest are back, while the secondary remains intact, including Terry Morgan, whose three interceptions included a 74-yarder for a TD against Hofstra.



TIM HALL
Robert Morris

ST. FRANCIS (PA)

If the Red Flash are to improve on a 2-7-1 season, they'll need more than the 18 sacks they got last fall. That means more pressure from a young line: sophs Jason Gschwend and Dave Lynch and junior Gregg Gergely. Free safety Matt Weaver (105 tackles) and cornerback Jimbo Cowan (5 interceptions) head the secondary, while Academic All-American Rick Roth, Stephen Ceresa, and Kris Kuzminsky ease the loss of MLB Dwayne Eck.

Guards Matt Marciak and Ben Henry, tackles George Arendas and Todd McMahon, and center Mike Manning return for a new-look backfield featuring quarterback Joseph Ranft, tailback Jeff Sotosky, and fullback Shawn Ross. Tight end Bob Rohrbaugh and wide receiver Mike LeSage each caught 11 passes last year. □



MARCUS JONES
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FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles became the first team to finish in the top five nationally for eight straight seasons in 1994, and they figure to add to that record this fall. Their winning a fourth straight ACC championship is a foregone conclusion. Whether they can win another national title is the only question.

Coach Bobby Bowden must replace six starters from the nation's No. 7 defensive unit, including three in the secondary, and that is a concern. "If you want to look at why we have finished in the top five for eight straight years, look at the defensive side of the ball," he said. "We've had a defense here for the last few years capable of stopping about any offense."

Most coaches would trade their "problems" for Florida State's. The Seminoles' linebackers—Todd Rebol at bandit, Daryl Bush in the middle, and Sam Cowart on the outside—are "great athletes who can run to the football," according to Bowden. Their speed enables them to cover backs in the passing game. Pressure will come from a veteran line led by end Reinard Wilson, who led the ACC with 11 sacks. Tyrant Marion fills the other end slot and tackle Orpheus Roye anchors the inside. Sean Hamlet developed into a solid free safety,

but his colleagues in the secondary will be new in starting roles. Sophomore Robert Hammond brings glowing credentials to strong safety, and the potential corners, Samari Rolle and Byron Capers, have experience.

Teams that beat the defense then face the awesome challenge of outscoring an offense with strength up the middle, a deep and seasoned line, and the team leader in touchdown catches returning. The attack revolves around center Clay Shiver, a leading candidate for the Outland Trophy; quarterback Danny Kanell, who finished spec-

tacularly and won all-ACC honors; and tailback Warrick Dunn, only the fifth Florida State player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Guard Chad Bates will be the only newcomer to the line that also includes three-year starting guard Lewis Tyre, tackles Jesus Hernandez, Juan Laureano, and Todd Fordham, and tight end Melvin Pearsall. Wayne Messam, E.G. Green, and Andre Cooper should alleviate worries in the receiving corps, and Pooh Bear Williams steps in at fullback.

If the Seminoles aren't at the top nationally, they will be close to it.

VIRGINIA

George Welsh has spent 13 seasons erasing "never" from Virginia's dictionary and the job is almost complete. Prior to his arrival, the Cavaliers had never been invited to a bowl, had never won 10 games in a season, had never ranked higher than ninth, had never won an ACC championship, had never beaten Clemson. One "never" remains. Virginia has never beaten Florida State in a league game. But that's no disgrace. Neither has any other team. And if Florida State's dominance gets interrupted this season, the Cavaliers are the most likely to do the deed.

Seventeen starters return from the squad that went 9-3 and ended a four-game bowl losing streak with a 20-10 victory over Texas Christian in the Independence Bowl last season. And they achieved that while rebuilding the offensive line. The 1995 season should be better. Mike Groh, the ACC leader in passing efficiency in 1994, and Symmion Willis, who set the school record with 2,347 passing yards in '93, provide an amazing 1-2 punch at quarterback. Kevin Brooks and Tiki Barber provide an equally potent threat at tailback. They will work behind a line that has a vacancy only at center. John Slocum and Jeremy Raley return at guard, Jason Augustino and Chris Harrison at tackle, and Bobby Neely at tight end. Junior Darrell Medley gets first call at fullback and David Gathman and Tom Locklin will compete at center. Big-play man Patrick Jeffers and Pete Allen, 1994's No. 2 receiver, leave the wideout spot in good hands.

If Virginia, which became the first ACC team to score more than 300 points in six consecutive seasons, should somehow sputter offensively, the defense can carry the lead. Although Welsh wonders if his squad can lead the nation in rushing defense, intercept a nation-leading 27 passes, and collect 32 sacks again, the defense remains formidable. Tackle Todd White and end Duane Ashman are returning starters in the line, and Jamie Sharper (118 tackles) and James Farrior (100 tackles, 4 interceptions) at outside linebacker. ACC Rookie of the Year Rhonde Barber (8 interceptions), senior Joe Crocker (6 interceptions), and safety Percy Ellsworth headline the heralded secondary.

Will Brice (40.5-yard average, only 11 punts returned for a total of 18 yards) and kicker Rafael Garcia (17-22 on field goals, 85 points) are added weapons. The schedule could be a concern. The Cavaliers play most of their "big" games—Michigan in the

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Pigskin Classic and Texas, Clemson, N.C. State, and North Carolina—on the road. But they never worry about things like that around Charlottesville any longer. The focus instead is on ACC rarities such as winning at least seven games for the ninth straight season. Once upon a time, Virginia would never dream of anything like that.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Tar Heels wrestled with inconsistency in 1994, leaving coach Mack Brown wondering which version of his team would show up on a particular Saturday. Only they among ACC teams gave Florida State reason to sweat, and they whipped N.C. State by two touchdowns. But they barely squeezed by SMU and Georgia Tech and absorbed sound thrashings from Clemson and Virginia. Brown hopes the same explosive offense and a defense with increased team speed restore stability to the performance chart. But no matter what, he will take the same results: an 8-4 record and a fifth straight winning season for only the second time in 50 years.

Look first for excellence on offense, where six starters return from a team that

guard. Jeff Saturday, a part-time regular, gets the call at center, and eight lettermen will vie for the vacant tackle spot. Juniors Chris Watson and Maurice McGregor and sophomore Jonathan Linton, all with limited experience, will share time at fullback.

Seven starters are gone from a defense that typified the feast-or-famine season. The Tar Heels gave up 28, 0, 40, and 35 points in their final four games. Sophomores Brian Simmons and Kivuusama Mays won jobs at linebacker in the spring and will be joined by James Hamilton, who started seven games in 1994. Three regulars—safeties Sean Boyd and Eric Thomas and cornerback Fuzzy Lee—return in the secondary. Marcus Jones, who started at end last season, moves inside to tackle this fall. He led the team in practically every category "Marcus was getting double- and triple-teamed too much outside," Brown said. "We hope we can get him in more one-on-one situations with blockers at tackle. If they try to double-team him, that will free our other people."

No matter who joins Jones in the starting lineup, the Tar Heels need to improve the pass rush.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

The Wolfpack mastered the art of winning the close ones in matching the school record for victories in a 9-3 season. To win five times by a total of 15 points again is asking a lot for a squad that must replace several gifted defenders.

Coach Mike O'Cain hopes quarterback Terry Harvey ignores overtures from professional baseball and returns for his senior season. Should Harvey leave, the Wolfpack will open with redshirt freshman Jose Laureano, an option specialist. But State obviously prefers Harvey at the controls. He wrecked Clemson early in the second game. He played every down against Maryland, a 47-45 victory in which the Wolfpack scored on every offensive possession. He also engineered State's 24-23 victory over Duke in bringing State from 16 points behind. For his career, Harvey had directed eight late come-from-behind victories.

Sophomore tailback Tremayne Stephens, who rushed for 189 yards in his first start, averaged 125 yards in his five starts and his 84-yard touchdown run against the nation's No. 1 rushing defense carried State by Virginia, 30-27. Fullback Rod Brown developed into a triple threat, blocking superbly, rushing for 564 yards, and catching 16 passes. They will be operating behind a line built around guards Jonathan Redmond and Steve Keim and center Kenneth Redmond (Joanathan's brother). Terrence Boykin, Lamont McCauley, and Tom Dombalis should be the tackles. The loss of Eddie Goines leaves a big hole in the receiving corps, but Mike Guffie returns to start and Jimmy Grissett will likely open on the other side.

Less certain, however, are replacements for defensive stalwarts Damien Covington and Carl Reeves and all-star kicker Steve Videtich. The strength of the defense will be in the secondary, where three starters, including all-star candidate Ricky Bell plus Kenny Harris and James Walker, are back. But the only other regulars are

end Jon Rissler and tackle Mike Harrison. Sophomore George Williams will step in at tackle, and either Brad Collins or Chris McNeil at the other end. Duan Everett, who made 50 tackles in a reserve role, steps up at one outside linebacker, but filling the other two spots, especially the one held by Covington, who set the school record for career tackles, will be more difficult.

Finding Videtich's kicking equal is not likely. He made nearly 90 percent of his field goal attempts. The Wolfpack must be ready quickly. They open against I-AA power Marshall, then face Virginia and Florida State.

CLEMSON

Inexperience on offense bedeviled the Tigers in their first season under coach Tommy West, but they steadily improved and finished 5-6, a record that could have been better with a bit of good fortune. The objective for 1995 is to capitalize on the development of an all-sophomore backfield and an offensive line that returns intact. The defense that held Florida State and Virginia to their season lows in points is deep and experienced everywhere but at linebacker.

West tried three quarterbacks before settling on Nealon Greene after the fifth game. Greene's best statistic: The offense made only four turnovers in his six games. The Tigers went 2-3 in his five starts, and the victories included an impressive 28-17 over 12th-ranked North Carolina. Greene threw only one interception in his 94 passes. He rejoins tailback Lamont Pegues, who gained the bulk of his 390 yards in the final four games, and fullback Raymond Priestner, who started the last eight games and rushed for 343 yards. Antwan Wyatt, who played both tailback and wide receiver and at one point led the team in both rushing and receiving, will stick to catching in '95. Sophomore Kenya Crooks had 21 catches and Marcus Hinton provides a deep threat with a 17-yard career average. Guard Will Young and tackle Dwayne Morgan head the line.

The Tigers turned the ball over only 12 times, and the defense complemented the offense with 29 take-aways. The plus-17 made Clemson the national leader in turnover margin. That defense, however, will be without its 1994 strength: The linebacker corps, which included four of the top five tacklers, is gone. The Tigers' top player is strong safety Brian Dawkins, who rejoins returning starters Andre Carter at free safety and cornerback Andre Humphrey and Dexter McCleon. The line features end Marvin Cross. The most interesting move was by former starting quarterback Patrick Sapp to outside linebacker. Another void is in the kicking game, where Nelson Welch is gone. He kicked an ACC-record 72 field goals and also handled the punting.

DUKE

The weak and downtrodden of college football have a new rallying cry: Remember Duke '94. Indeed, the Blue Devils forged a remarkable season. Relegated to their usual last-place status in preseason forecasts, Duke won its first seven games, climbed into the national polls, finished with an 8-3 record, and played in the Hall of



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Florida St.

racked up more than 30 points in seven of 12 games. Quarterback Mike Thomas is really a seventh returning regular. He replaced the injured Jason Stanicek late in the year and guided the Tar Heels to 136 points in four games. He is a big-play specialist. His late 71-yard bomb to Octavius Barnes whipped Duke a year ago, for example, and he is surrounded by big-play guys. Tailback Leon Johnson, who has rushed for 1,817 yards and scored 25 touchdowns in two seasons, provides a potent rushing threat, and Barnes and wide receiver/kick returner Marcus Wall are deadly receiving threats. Thomas-to-Barnes also clicked for a 66-yard TD against SMU and a 50-yarder against Texas in the Sun Bowl. Wall set a school record with nine touchdown receptions and ranked third nationally in kickoff returns.

A question mark in '94, the offensive line is well-fortified with tackle Byron Thomas and guard Jerness Gethers returning on the left side and Mike Hobgood at right

Fame Bowl. The performance won Fred Goldsmith, in his first season at Duke, the national Coach of the Year award. Duke boosted its win total by five games, matching East Carolina, Colorado State, and Mississippi State for most-improved honors. And two of the losses were by one point.

What for an encore? Well, they open against Florida State, so they won't start 7-0 again. Beyond that, who knows? The Blue Devils return 14 starters, among them a top-flight quarterback and three all-star defenders. But missing will be running back Robert Baldwin, the ACC's Player of the Year. He led the league in rushing (1,187 yards), touchdowns (13), and all-purpose yards (1,445). He posted the conference's top rushing performance, 238 yards against Maryland and found time to catch 36 passes. The offense will revolve around quarterback Spence Fischer. He starts the season seventh among ACC career passing leaders (6,353 yards) and eighth in total offense (6,338) and passing efficiency. He needs a Baldwin-type back to share the load. History shows that the Blue Devils suffer with a throw-every-down offense. When they do throw, however, tight end Bill Khayat is a good target (49 catches for 562 yards and 2 TDs). As is sophomore Corey Thomas (37-558-8).

Linebackers Billy Granville (115 tackles) and John Zuanich (16 tackles for losses) and back Ray Farmer are the top defensive players. The key to the Blue Devils' success is no secret: defense. In their eight victories, they allowed an average of 328 yards per game; in their three regular-season losses, they yielded an average of 527. Can they do it again? Well, Duke did not exactly whip a who's who in posting its surprising record. But it did beat two bowl teams, Virginia and East Carolina, and the schedule, although arranged differently, is similar. College football's meek would like to see more of the same.

MARYLAND

The Terps have proven beyond all shadow of doubt that they can set offensive records. What they haven't been able to do is win football games. They are 9-24 in three seasons under coach Mark Duffner. The winning must start on defense, which surrendered more than 40 points in five games last season. In one, N.C. State scored on every offensive possession.

Linebacker Ratcliff Thomas, with 246 tackles in two seasons, could become the school's career leader. He will also get more help this fall. Mike Settles returns at outside linebacker and Tim Brown should lend more assistance in the middle. Cornelius White is the top returning tackler among the linemen, who include improving Eric Hicks and Al Wallace at end and steady Aaron Henne at tackle. The secondary is built around cornerback Andre Johnson (141 tackles, 12 pass deflections, and 3 interceptions in two seasons). Orlando Strozier returns from the injury list to play the other corner, and Jermaine Stewart, Wade Inge, and Lamont Gore share the duties at the safeties.

Although experienced personnel is in shorter supply on offense with only five

starters on hand, the Terps are not worried about points. "The system has proven itself," Duffner says. "We'll be competitive offensively." The Terps' run-and-shoot revolves around senior quarterback Scott Milanovich, who holds 14 school and two national records. He has completed 66.1 percent of his passes for 6,125 yards. He needs only 135 yards to break Boomer Esiason's record for passing yards and 313 to top his mark for total offense. Senior Jermaine Lewis has caught 127 passes for 1,995 yards and 18 touchdowns in his career, and junior Geroy Simon set a ACC record with 77 catches last fall. Sophomore Brian Underwood steps up to the running back spot in Maryland's one-back set. But four regulars from the line are missing. John Teter, healthy after missing 1994 with an injury, and Mark Motley are solid tackles, and Erik Greenstein has starting experience at both guard and center.

Milanovich is Maryland's all-time leading punter, and kicker Joe O'Donnell led the ACC in field goal accuracy last season.

GEORGIA TECH

The Yellow Jackets won a piece of the national championship in 1990. Four seasons later, their lone victory came against I-AA Western Carolina. Injuries played a major role in the '94 disaster, for 25 players missed a total of 136 games in 1-10 season that ended with nine straight losses. Bill Lewis, who presided over the decline, got the bum's rush before season's end, and George O'Leary, the defensive coordinator on Tech's title team under Bobby Ross, took command for the final three games.

O'Leary had 10 returning starters, but one, quarterback Tommy Luginbill, left school after losing his job to Donnie Davis in spring practice. Davis, a highly touted high school player who started as a sophomore, is better suited to handle O'Leary's more balanced attack. He rushed for 309 yards and three TDs and passed for 1,739 yards and 12 scores in '93. Junior Derrick Steagall, who suffered a broken arm in the fifth game, returns as the No. 1 target. C.J. Williams, who moved to offense after Steagall's injury, rushed for 564 yards in four starts. They will operate behind a line that includes tackles Curtis McGee and Jason Dukes, guard Chuck Vernau, and center Michael Cheever. Duke and Cheever are four-year regulars.

The defense is not nearly so well-endowed. End Ralph Hughes, cornerback Nathan Perryman, and safety Mike Dee are the only returning starters. "My main concern is development up front," O'Leary said, noting that the Jackets surrendered 319 points and more than 230 yards per game rushing. "I think we brought in some talent to control the line of scrimmage." One look at the statistics tells of the Yellow Jackets' woes. They committed 38 turnovers and managed only 17 take-aways.

WAKE FOREST

The 5-7 record might not reflect improvement, but coach Jim Caldwell knows the Deacons' program is much better than the one he inherited two years ago. He also knows Wake Forest has miles to go before

reaching his goal of competing annually for the ACC championship. Wake "played 12 true freshmen, most of them in substantial roles," Caldwell said, and closed the season by beating Georgia Tech 20-13.

Six starters return to the offense that mustered 20 or more points only three times and scored in single digits in five games. Optimism for improved production comes from the line, where four regulars return: Elton Ndoma-Ogar, for the fourth season, and Doug Marsigli at tackle and guards Tony Yarnall and Bill Leeder. The Deacons netted only 1,024 yards on the ground last fall. Herman Lewis, who had played primarily on special teams, rushed for 149 yards against Georgia Tech and suddenly became more prominent in Wake's plans. John Lewis, the starter who suffered a broken ankle in the opener, is back, as is split end Dan Ballou (27 catches). Rusty LaRue, who spent the winter contributing to Wake's nationally ranked basketball team, started 10 games at quarterback and completed 57.4 percent of his passes for 1,303 yards.

The defense, which held only two teams to fewer than 20 points and yielded 451 yards per game, returns seven regulars. The secondary features cornerbacks Brent Morehead and Major Griffey and safety Terrence Suber. Tucker Grace, who started only four games but made 87 tackles, Jon Mannon, and LaDwaun Harrison should stabilize the linebacking and end Rick Gardner and tackles Steve Vaughan and Robert Fatzinger the line.

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1. East Carolina
2. Liberty
3. Hampton
4. Davidson
5. Wofford
6. Charleston Southern

East Carolina is one of a vanishing breed—Division I-AA football independents—but the Pirates are team that cannot be taken lightly. In 1994, they whipped South Carolina and made Auburn take notice, Syracuse and Duke escaped with three-point victories. The Pirates celebrated the holidays in the Liberty Bowl and another postseason game could be in their future if they can navigate a thorny September schedule that opens against Tennessee in Knoxville. Other independents in the Atlantic Coast region compete on a more modest scale. But I-AA member Liberty features some players most teams could use. Quarterback Antwan Chiles and running backs J.T. Morris and Lawrence Worthington have outstanding credentials.

EAST CAROLINA

The Pirates ranked among the nation's most improved teams in 1994, boosting

their record by five victories to 7-4 and earning a berth in the Liberty Bowl. This season holds even more promise. Coach Steve Logan returns 22 of his first 26 players, and the list includes a dynamic performer on each side of the ball.

The first priority is to replace running back Junior Smith, the school's career rushing leader (3,745 yards). Senior Jerris McPhail, who led the team with 34 receptions in 1993, is the top candidate. He rushed for 326 yards a year ago. Mark Crandell is the quarterback. Eighth nationally in total offense, he is at his best on short routes and is coming off a sparkling '94 (2,687 yards and 21 TDs with 15 interceptions). Jason Nichols and Mitchell Galoway are his favorite targets. Only two of the top eight linemen are gone.

RONDE BARBER
Virginia



Inside linebacker Mark Libiano, who is averaging 11 tackles per game for his career and recorded 21 against Tulsa and 18 against Auburn last fall, and B.J. Crane pace the unit that ranked 20th in rushing defense. Dwight Henry and Daren Hart lead the secondary that had 22 interceptions and ranked 19th in pass efficiency defense, and Walter Scott and Lorenzo West are back in the line.

The Pirates will be tested with four bowl teams in the first five games. They especially are looking forward to a rematch with Illinois, which whipped them 30-0 in the Liberty Bowl.

LIBERTY

The return of 18 starters heightens expectations for the Flames, who must improve their defense. Quarterback Antwan Chiles passed for 2,823 yards and 19 TDs last season, and Lawrence Worthington stepped in for the injured J.T. Morris and broke the school record for rushing yardage in a game (305) and a season (1,224). The coaching staff is toying with a two-back alignment to get Morris and Worthington into the lineup. Morris, who began his college career at Penn State, transferred back to his

hometown school and went down in the second game with a torn hip muscle. If he is fully recovered (the medical reports are good), he is expected to get the starting call. Chiles, a transfer from Florida, will be throwing to a young receiving corps, including Robert Butz and Courtney Freeman and tight end Tony Dews.

George MacIntyre is the new defensive coordinator, and a lot will be riding on his "Mac Attack." Damon Bomar and Ruben Freeman return in the line, and linebacker David Long is an all-star candidate. Sedric Watkins and Brew McGoldrick are in the secondary.

HAMPTON

The Pirates step up to I-AA riding a seven-game winning streak under Joe Taylor, whose .728 percentage ranked in the top 10 among Division II coaches. He returns 15 starters, including two senior all-stars: running back LaMonte Still (1,174 yards and 12 TDs) and defensive end Hugh Hunter, who set a school record with 19 sacks last fall. Junior Mike Jenkins leads the receiving corps and senior tackle Roderick Briggs (6-5, 285) is an All-America candidate. Outside linebacker Tim Hall is a big-play performer.

DAVIDSON

The Wildcats finished a 3-7 season with a pair of one-sided victories, and coach Tim Landis hopes his team can sustain momentum. The Wildcats are classified I-AA (non-scholarship) by the NCAA but have a waiver to continue to play a Division III schedule due to the lack of I-AA non-scholarship teams in the area. End Bo Bartholomew, guard James Cassidy, and linebacker Will Robinson have lettered three years and started at least two. Tackle John Cowan joins Adam Gess, Mike Lassiter, and Keith Davis, and Tommy Wheeler on the offensive line. Kirk Roberts is the top target for soph quarterbacks Hamilton Hill and Tommy Dugan. Dan Jonas is the probable starter at tailback.

WOFFORD

Like Hampton University, Wofford is eagerly anticipating its first season in the I-AA ranks. The Terriers went 5-6 a year ago under coach Mike Ayers, whose biggest concern is protecting the ball. Hampton had 18 interceptions and 21 fumbles last fall. Senior guard Jody Padgett (6-3, 285) leads the way for the wishbone offense that averaged 6.1 yards per rush and over 324 yards per game. Senior linebacker Andre Patrick heads the defense. The Terriers' top tackler, he will rank among the school's all-time leaders by season's end.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

The Buccaneers lost all 11 games a year ago, most of them by one-sided margins. The best shot at snapping a 15-game losing streak comes in the second game, against Presbyterian, which beat the Bucs (38-34) last season.

Nine starters return, with multi-purpose

Tony Bines the main threat. He rushed for 229 yards, passed for 654, caught passes for 114, returned kickoffs for 718 and punts for 34 en route to averaging 99.5 yards per game. He will work behind a line that includes veterans Tom McManus, Clay Moose, Luvert Smith, and Bruce Smith. Heath Siemon, the No. 2 receiver also is back. The Buccaneers surrendered 46.9 points a game and need help. Linebacker William Washington and backs Maurice Gerald and Freddie Cribb are the only regulars returning.

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1. Appalachian State
2. Marshall
3. Georgia Southern
4. Western Carolina
5. East Tennessee State
6. The Citadel
7. Furman
8. UT-Chattanooga
9. Virginia Military

They're getting antsy in the Southern Conference. Last year was the first since 1984 that a team not currently aligned with the league failed to make the I-AA title game. That was disappointing, since the SC considers itself the big dog of the division. The title game will again be held at Marshall, which includes it in its season-ticket package. If that sounds a bit overconfident, consider that the Thundering Herd reached the finals three straight seasons before falling in the semis last year at Boise State.

The Southern, along with other I-AA leagues, has deeper problems than missing the championship game, though. The NCAA's rule that I-A schools must have six victories over I-A foes to qualify for a bowl has stung the league. Many SC schools help keep their athletic programs in the black by scheduling larger programs (Furman and Western Carolina have often played Clemson, for example) which offered guaranteed paydays of as much as \$200,000 a game. Now the I-A schools have been dropping the I-AA.

And the Southern Conference will again be strong, although its nine teams will possibly be broken into groups of three by ability. The upper tier includes perennial favorite Marshall, Appalachian State, and Georgia Southern, any of whom could win the league this season. The middle group consists of Western Carolina, The Citadel, and East Tennessee State—respectable teams not quite of championship caliber. The bottom of this triad includes Furman, Tennessee Chattanooga, and Virginia Military.

APPALACHIAN STATE

Just for fun, let's pick the Mountaineers to win this thing. It gets tiring going with Marshall all the time. And the Apps, as some call them up in the Blue Ridge Mountains,

have the ability to rule the SC this year. They would have done so last year, but for that darned 26-23 overtime loss to lowly VMI in the season's final regular season game. Still, the Mountaineers went two games into the playoffs, finishing with a 9-4 record under coach Jerry Moore, who enters his seventh season. Moore gives much of the credit to an offseason conditioning program that begins with 6:15 A.M. runs that include coaches and players.

Appalachian's strength is its defense, which returns nine starters from a unit that was second in the league in total defense (243.1 yards) and scoring defense (16.1). Leading the returnees is SC Defensive Player of the Year Dexter Coakley, a junior linebacker who averaged almost 12 tackles a game. Also back is senior all-Southern cornerback Matt Stevens, who set a school record with 10 interceptions last fall and broke up 14 more passes. Senior tackle Chip Miller, another all-SC choice, piled up 12 sacks and 24 quarterback pressures.

While the Apps' rock is Moore's 4-3 defense, the offense is solid as well, returning eight regulars. Junior quarterback Scott Satterfield started the last seven games of 1994 and ranked fourth in the league in total offense (182.7 yards). He rushed for 10 touchdowns and threw for eight more out of the Mountaineers' multiple-I attack. Damon Scott, last year's fullback (608 yards), will replace mini-tailback Chip Hooks, who rushed for 885 yards. Alden Lance will get Scott's fullback job. Five starters return on the line, along with wide receiver Otis Smith (29 catches).

It could be enough to enable the Mountaineers to become SC kings of the mountain. They've got our vote.

MARSHALL

The Herd still has plenty of Thunder, and that home-field national title game to point to yet again. Marshall is coming off an outstanding 12-2 season under sixth-year coach Jim Donnan that included the school's first outright SC championship. Donnan is now 52-18 up in Huntington, WV, and more of the same is on the way.

The Herd returns six offensive starters, including senior tailback Chris Parker, the league leader in career touchdowns (52). Before this season ends, Parker expects to lead the SC in rushing yardage as well—he has 4,091 yards now, 655 yards shy of Furman's Carl Tremble. But for all Parker's prowess, Marshall's offense will have to adjust to a new hand at the controls, probably sophomore quarterback Larry Harris, who threw just 28 passes last fall. SC Offensive Player of the Year Todd Donnan graduated after throwing for more than 3,000 yards as a senior. Harris gets to throw to exciting wideout/kick returner Tim Martin, a 5-9 waterbug who caught 10 TD passes and returned a punt for another.

Much of the line that helped Marshall's 4-3 alignment lead the conference in scoring defense (15.4 ppg) and total defense (294.0 ypg) is back, along with linebacker Brian Stump, an all-conference selection despite a knee injury that limited him to nine games. Stump plays better in big games, and he's healthy again. Behind

him, junior Melvin Cunningham (4 interceptions) stabilizes a secondary that lost all-SC performer Roger Johnson.

Marshall thinks it has enough talent to shake off last season's 28-24 semifinal loss at Boise State—only its second road playoff game ever—and go all the way this time. It's got to shake off those Apps first. They meet in Huntington on October 21.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The Eagles have lived on their ground game for years, using it to grind their way to four national titles. This season, though, coach Tim Stowers says things will be different. The Eagles are gonna fly.

They've brought in an offensive coordinator in Daryl Dickey (son of Tennessee A.D. Doug) to relieve Stowers of those responsibilities. And their traditional "flexbone" offense is being modified to take advantage of the arm of quarterback Kenny Robinson, the league's top freshman last season. Robinson can run the option—he tied a school record for rushing TDs by a freshman quarterback with 11—but he also threw for 706 yards after replacing the injured Joe Dupree. Georgia Southern had a disappointing 6-5 season last year, but once Robinson took the controls, the Eagles averaged 35.4 points, 395 yards of total offense, and won six of nine games.

The Eagles will still have a ground game. Senior Marlow Warthen, whose 658 rushing yards came at a 9.5 average, is back at slotback. And senior Dexter Dawson (25 catches) has been moved to slotback as well to take advantage of his running ability. Tackles Stacy Moses and Jamie Glover return, but the line is suspect with the loss of two all-SC players: center Franklin Stephens and guard Isaac Ferrell.

Stowers is looking for linebackers, since all three of his starters departed. That means the secondary will have a heavy load. Fortunately, all four regulars return. They include 5-8 big-play man Marco Bradham (4 interceptions) and fellow senior Rob Stockton, a starter at strong safety for 35 straight games.

Look for Georgia Southern to be explosive behind Robinson, and fun to watch. A league title would be an upset, but not an impossibility.

WESTERN CAROLINA

Coach Steve Hodgkin keeps churning out solid, contending teams up in Cullowhee, but don't expect this edition to be one of his best. The Catamounts were 5-3 in the SC and 6-5 overall last year, but they lost 12 starters from that team.

That said, the Catamounts will still be tough to beat. Senior quarterback Chad Greene, the league's best this side of Marshall's Todd Donnan, passed for 1,900 yards and 15 TDs and runs Western's offense as if he designed it. He'll have a quality target in senior David Patten, who expects to shift from wide receiver to flanker to fill Hayes' role. The line is built around all-SC senior center Wes Greenwell (6-5, 290). Tailback Hines will be replaced by sophomore Brett Chappell, who was No. 1 after spring practice, or senior Mark Howell.

The defense could be shaky. Nose tack-

le Derek Summerour, an all-league second-teamer, will face a lot of double-teams after getting five sacks and 11 quarterback pressures last fall. Rejoining him on the unit are outside linebacker William Crocker, tackle Leander Dumas, and cornerbacks Robb Harris and Donnell Brinson.

Hodgkin obviously has some talent to play with, but not quite enough to play for first place.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Fourth-year coach Mike Cavin has returned a program that hit bottom several years to respectability. Last season, the Buccaneers were 4-4 in the SC and 6-5 overall—their first winning season since 1985. They

DAVID PATTEN
Western Carolina



did it with their multiple-I attack, finishing with averages of 27.8 points and 405.1 yards of total offense per game. If they want to do it again this fall, though, the defense had better take charge.

Graduation decimated the offense. Only four starters return, including junior quarterback Greg Ryan does return, after finishing third in the SC in total offense (183.6 ypg) and throwing for 2,171 yards. But since protection could be a problem, he may be better off simply handing the ball to sophomore tailback Brian Edwards (1,021 yards and 8 TDs) and getting out of the way. The numbers may not be quite as good this season while Cavin tries to piece together an offensive line, but Edwards is the real thing.

So is the defense, which returns eight starters. The line attacks behind junior end James Russell, an all-league pick after leading ETSU with 102 tackles, including 10 sacks. The 4-3 alignment has experienced linebackers in Mario Hankerson and Craig Wasik. They rejoin Nakia Thomas, the Bucs' leading tackler as a freshman but suspended for part of last year for disciplinary reasons. The secondary is solid with three regulars returning, including strong safety Jeff Horton, an All-America sprinter, and cornerback Donnie Abraham.

THE CITADEL

Stop for a moment and think about Bulldogs coach Charlie Taaffe. In recent years, it has been almost impossible to build a winning football program at a military school—just look at VMI. And then there's The Citadel, where Taaffe's wishbone just keeps purring along, and the Bulldogs just keep winning. Taaffe, entering his ninth season, has built a 53-38 record in Charleston, including 6-5 last season. And 1995 will bring another solid team.

The offense returns eight starters after piling up averages of 382 rushing yards and 35.3 points a year ago. Junior quarterback John Burton, who tore a knee ligament late last season and missed spring practice, is expected to be ready to pull the wishbone again after rushing for 663 yards in '94. Top rushers Travis Jervey (1,171 yards and the SC's only NFL draftee) and Terrance Rivers (946) must be replaced, though. The top candidate is junior Garrick Haltiwanger (557), who also returns kicks and is a star center fielder on the baseball team. The line returns all but all-star guard Levi Davis. The keys are center Shawn Lyons and fellow junior Derek Beres.

Defense could be a problem. The unit that surrendered more than 31 points per game lost all three starting linebackers, including all-SC performer Micah Young. The Citadel won't be experienced at keeping others from moving the ball. The top four tacklers are gone, and only two starters coming out of spring practice are seniors: tackles Lenny Clark and Brad Keeney.

So Charlie's 'Dogs will score and be scored upon. Which should make for some interesting football games.

FURMAN

Coach Dick Sheridan made the Paladins a national power and successor Jimmy Satterfield kept them one. Under their tutelage, Furman piled up 15 straight winning seasons and a national championship. But Satterfield retired before last fall, and successor Bobby Johnson's first try as a head coach was disastrous, as the Paladins stumbled to a 3-8 record.

As an assistant, Johnson had been known as a defensive whiz. But the '94 defense was almost nonexistent, allowing 418 yards, the highest mark in school history, and almost 30 points per game. The fact that nine starters are gone from that unit may be a blessing. There is talent among the newcomers, though, led by redshirt freshman linebacker Orlando Ruff. Sophomore nose guard Reggie Williams and junior tackle Michael Brown anchor the line. But the secondary has little experience.

The offense, though, was productive and will be again with 10 regulars back. Junior quarterback Braniff Bonaventure is more than just another pretty name. He replaced the injured Philly Jones early last fall and threw for 1,674 yards and 13 TDs. The line features all-SC tackle Brian Fisher, who leads the way for the Paladins' two-pronged running attack. Senior fullback Leonardo McClarty (848 yards) flourished after being moved from tailback and sophomore Mark Moore (7.1 yards per carry) added quickness and speed.

After so many years of success, the Paladins are rebuilding. There is talent, but not enough to go beyond the middle of the pack this year.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Former N.C. State assistant Buddy Green found out how tough it was going to be to rebuild the Moccasins last season. He was 3-8 (2-6 in the SC) in his first try. He'll try again this fall, trotting out a split-back pro-set offense that provided some excitement last year with an average of 382.9 yards and could provide more this time.

Quarterback Kenyon Earl is gone, but an able replacement awaits in junior Jeff Peters, a drop-back passer who completed 75 of 128 passes for six TDs in part-time duty a year ago. His prime target will be senior split end Terrell Owens (57 catches). The ground game is in the muscular hands of senior fullback Marrio Grier, a Clemson transfer who gained 544 yards in '94. Freshman Tyrone Coleman, a 5-8 speedster, could take over at tailback.

The defense remains suspect, and is why we're picking these guys down here. The Moccasins surrendered 38.7 points and 422 yards in total offense per game, including a league-worst of 170.9 through the air. There's not much reason to expect things to get better this time. The secondary will start three sophomores, but cornerback Quasey Vinson and free safety Allen Jackson played well. Junior linebacker Antone Goldwire had 60 solo tackles in '94, including 10 tackles for loss. The line will be anchored by senior tackles Randy Groover and Nicara Calloway.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

The news is not all bad up in scenic Lexington. Last season, the Keydets were league bottom-feeders, finishing 1-7 in the family and 1-10 overall. But they did have elusive tailback Thomas Haskins, who led the conference with 137.2 rushing yards per game and totaled 1,509 and 11 TDs.

The good news is that the 5-8, 165-pound Haskins is back after finishing fourth nationally in rushing. He also led the SC in kickoff returns (30.9). And he's still just a junior. But what does he do for an encore? Last season, Haskins had three 200-yard rushing games, including a 225-yard outburst in VMI's stunning upset of Appalachian State and a school-record 251 against Richmond. He already owns four of the top five rushing games in school history. He'll have more help this time, since nine regulars return on offense, including top receiver Timmy Williams and tight end Greg Harris. Sophomore quarterback Al Lester had five TD passes and 16 interceptions a year ago.

But for VMI to vacate the cellar, the defense must improve. Seven starters from the bunch that allowed 49 points in each of three straight games at one point return, but they obviously have to tighten up. A player to watch is soph linebacker Kelly Cook, who made 54 tackles after moving into the starting lineup at midseason.

It will be another tough season for second-year coach Bill Stewart, but at least he can sit back and watch Thomas run.

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Homecoming is a big deal. One of the highlights of the weekend is the football game. With so many visiting alumni, victories in these games are always nice. So, athletic directors often try to schedule weaker teams to play the role of sacrificial lamb on game day. For the last few years in the MEAC, Bethune-Cookman and Morgan State have been popular around homecoming time. Last season alone, the two teams played in five different "celebration" games. But the Wildcats and the Bears added a different flavor to the party mix, winning two of those games and losing two others by a total of four points.

This year, they probably won't be so popular. Bethune and Morgan, who had been near the bottom of the MEAC for a while, now seem to be inching toward the upper division, illustrating the new balance in the league. On paper, Delaware State looks to have the league's strongest, most balanced squad. But they don't play the games on paper, as other league members South Carolina State, North Carolina A&T, and Florida A&M will be eager to prove each week.

DELAWARE STATE

(4-2, 7-4) Coach Bill Collick's team dropped two of its first three games, but won four of its last five to finish second in the league. They tried to catch South Carolina State at the tape, but never did. This year, it may be the rest of the league which ends up trying to catch the Hornets. Fabian Thorne emerged from the shadow of teammate Phil Anderson to run for 1,089 yards. He is the centerpiece of an attack that also features quarterback Dennis Jones, who threw for nearly 2,000 yards and led the league in passing efficiency. Damon Daniels will see time at split end and Mac Harrison-Dixon, last year's backup QB, may also end up catching passes instead of throwing them. But perhaps the biggest plus is the offensive line. All-America tackle candidate Keith Jarvis, Bennie Lee, Mark Miles, and Paxton Reese all return.

Ernest Shockley provide leadership at defensive end, with Cedric Jones and Lazarus Calhoun expected to contribute as well. Linebackers Tarik Abdul-Qasim, Craig Jones, and Ronnie Wilkerson are also back, as are a pair of potential jewels

in the secondary: sophs Jemel Blagmon and Jason Williams.

FLORIDA A&M

(2-4, 6-5) Coach Billy Joe's initial season at FAMU was one of peaks and valleys. He had impressive victories over SWAC powers Grambling and Southern, but lost four games by a total of nine points. Two of those defeats came in stunning fashion at the hands of Morgan State and archrival Bethune-Cookman. However, over 50 lettermen are back, hoping to flip the script in '95. Last year, the Rattlers again led the league in a slew of defensive categories. Linebacker Earl Holmes and tackle Reggie Lee were first-team all-MEAC. End Rod Williams, linebackers Barry Brown and Antonio Barrial, and junior DB Primus Burley rejoin them.

The offense showed some potency until a shoulder injury to quarterback Ray Domingo slowed the unit's development. Domingo should be ready after throwing for nearly 1,300 yards last fall. Running backs Kwame Vidal and Reginald Glover will look to soothe the loss of 1,000-yard rusher Sha'meil Simpkins. Robert Wilson, a game-breaking receiver, is joined by flanker Tony Bland. FAMU lost four starters on the line, causing Joe serious concern, especially considering Domingo's need for good pass protection.

The Rattlers lost kicker Tim Camron, but

because of their defense they can never be counted out. If Domingo returns to form and the running game can do the job, FAMU could be in the hunt again.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(3-3, 6-5) Heading into the final month of the season, the Aggies were in the hunt for the MEAC title—a position they've grown accustomed to since coach Bill Hayes took over in 1988. But a surprising homecoming loss to Bethune-Cookman and a rash of injuries triggered a three-game tailspin that left A&T tied for third at season's end. This year, Hayes returns 16 starters, including all-conference Tim Johnson, who led the league in tackles. He and fellow linebackers Mike Hamilton and speedy Rod McDougald have to improve the MEAC's worst rushing defense. Forrest Sullivan and Kermit Fletcher join Toran James, Cedric White, and Terrence Spencer on the line. Dale Adair and Terrance Dixon head A&T's pass defense.

The wing-T produced 164 yards rushing per game last season, way down from an average of 284 yards in 1993. This put inordinate pressure on quarterback Maseo Bolin, who threw for 1,785 yards and had moments of brilliance in willing A&T to several tight victories early on. He has good targets in James Bowden and James Harris, but Bolin must cut down on his 17 interceptions. LaFaunte Smith,

Wendell Wells, and Kenny Searcy head the running backs. Jemain Stephens and Lamont Jones are the main men on what could be a very good line. The Aggies also have a solid kicking game, with placement specialist Luther Leak and punter Monte Key.

Heading into the final month of this season, A&T should be in the thick of things again. This year, Hayes hopes the outcome will be different.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(6-0, 10-2) Last season, the Bulldogs added yet another rung to their ladder of football tradition by winning the school's 10th MEAC crown. They finished the year with seven straight victories, including a 31-27 decision over Grambling in the Heritage Bowl. Several prime-time performers are gone, but the Bulldogs should have enough for another run at the title.

Any analysis of State's prospects has to start with Michael Hicks. The two-time all-MEAC running back had 1,368 yards, scored 22 touchdowns, and is one of the nation's best at running between the tackles. Quarterback Marvin Marshall, the league's offensive player of the year, and several quality blockers are gone. Sophomores Maurice Bell and Antwaine Smith are battling for Marshall's job, while Raleigh Roundtree, Jerrell Moore, and Dwight Burns will try to stabilize the line.

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Defensively, State is led by linebackers Lamond Nelson and Dameon Palmer, who combined for over 150 tackles last fall. Jimmy Moore and Lascellas Reese gave coach Willie Jeffries quality minutes up front and should be ready for good years. The secondary features all-league corner Russell Thomas, who doubles as a return man, plus Jermaine Derricott and Kevin Pope.

HOWARD

(1-5, 4-7) What a difference a year makes. After having just about everything go right in 1993, almost everything went wrong last season. One year after finishing in the league's penthouse with an 11-0 record, Howard dropped to the basement, losing its last five games.

One of the major problems was inconsistency at quarterback, where four players saw time but none gave coach Steve Wilson the kind of long-term results he desired. This year, the job goes to Antonio King or redshirt freshman Ted White. Stephen Mosley made some noise as a freshman running back, and the injury-plagued Rhadi Ferguson is healthy. Sebastian Owens, Marco Ward, and McArthur Johnson lead a young receiving corps. Tackles Robert Bell and Anthony Heyward and Kareem Swinton, Darryl Hall, and Ronnie Johnson are probably the top line in the league.

The departure of Jose White, the MEAC Defensive Player of the Year, hurts, but Howard will counter with six other returning

starters. The secondary includes William Burch, Sylvester Settles, Abdul Martin, and Billy Jenkins. Marc Christie does solid work at linebacker and Shawn Hall and Terrence Williams gained valuable experience last fall up front. If Howard can stay close in games, the kickers could help put the team over the top.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(3-3, 5-6) When coach Jack "Cy" McClaire was named head coach, many on the Bethune campus greeted the move with optimistic anticipation. He hadn't coached football in 22 years, but by the end of the season, McClaire had raised both his program's standards and the blood pressure of his MEAC coaching rivals. The Wildcats beat A&T and Florida A&M, came within an eyelash of knocking off S.C. State, and finished tied for third. McClaire was named Coach of the Year.

Ironically, this season may be more of a challenge. There are quality players on both sides of the ball, but not the depth McClaire would like. Pass-rush specialist Raymond Woodie, who registered a league-high 14.5 sacks, is back, as is free safety Willie Oglesby. On offense, receiver Morris Nobles, running back Wilmer White, and linemen Cecil Risher, Joe Brown, and Eric Gaines all return to starting positions. Still, both line units and the quarterback slot are major concerns. There is potential in both areas, but the can-

didates, especially at quarterback, must step in and play big if Bethune is to continue what it started last season.

MORGAN STATE

(2-4, 3-8) Though the Bears finished last in most of the MEAC's offensive and defensive categories, 1994 represented a breakthrough season of sorts. After years of paying rent in the league's cellar, the Bears carved out road victories against both Florida A&M and Howard in a three-week period. The two league wins were the most for the school in 15 years, and coach Ricky Diggs hopes to build on that momentum.

The defense was far too porous, surrendering 38 points per game, which was down from the 49-point average of 1993. Linebacker Levi Baucom, much to the delight of MEAC foes, is finally a senior. He was second in the league in tackles last fall, and will be joined by sophomore nose tackle Willie Thompson and junior backs Michael Guy and Damon Felton.

Quarterback Michael Moore broke the school's single-season passing standard with 2,137 yards and 16 TDs. Andre Thomas ran for over 700 yards and will team with Daryl Ray in a sound ground attack, while D'Anthony Cameron and Chris Ursini are the top returning receivers. Marcus Moore and Jason Stamper will help carve open the holes for the running game. □

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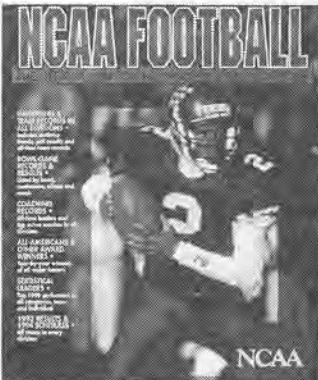
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NEBRASKA

(13-0, 7-0) The Cornhuskers' new offensive linemen do not weigh 300 pounds and cannot bench press the team bus, as the national champions' blockers of last year could supposedly do. But they are competent and experienced. On a team that has quarterback Tommie Frazier and tailback Lawrence Phillips to compete for Big Eight Player of the Year honors and Tom Osborne to coach them, this combination figures to produce a fifth straight conference title.

Frazier, coming off his second straight MVP performance in the Orange Bowl, and backup Brook Berringer, 7-0 as a starter last season when Frazier was injured, provide matchless strength at quarterback. Phillips gained 1,722 yards rushing a year ago. His backups are so talented and numerous that Clinton Childs will move to fullback and compete with Jeff Makovicka for the starting assignment. Osborne, who prefers to play more than one tailback, can afford to move Childs, because Damon Benning, who would start for many teams, returns and Ahman Green is the most heralded freshman to enroll in the Big Eight this year. Green even excites Osborne.

Wideouts Reggie Baul and Chester Johnson and tight end Mark Gilman are seasoned and representative for a system that places modest reliance on passing. Center Aaron Graham, the only returning starter in the line, will be surrounded by tackles Chris Dishman and Eric Anderson and guards Aaron Taylor and Steve Ott or Jon Zatechka.

Tackle Christian Peter leads a solid defense. His sophomore brother, Jason Peter, is expected to start at the other tackle. Ends Jared Tomich and Grant Wistrom and linebackers Phil Ellis, who started last year, and Larry Arnold and Ryan Terwilliger should comprise a solid front. The secondary is expected to be outstanding. Mike Minter, returning from knee surgery, and Tony Veland might be the best pair of safeties in the country and cornerback Tyrone Williams is also outstanding. The other cornerback is a battle among Michael Booker, Leslie Dennis, and Eric Stokes.

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LAWRENCE PHILLIPS
Nebraska

Osborne will look to freshmen to punt and kick if, as expected, Darin Erstad opts for professional baseball.

COLORADO

(11-1, 6-1) A team that lost only to Nebraska said good-bye to a raft of stars and its coach (Bill McCartney) and will rebuild with a cast that is a promising inheritance for new coach Rick Neuheisel. Eight sophomores and redshirt freshmen are projected to start. Most of them were among the most heralded recruits Colorado signed in a succession of blue chip classes.

But the key to the Buffaloes' hopes of contending is a junior: quarterback Koy Detmer. Neuheisel, who joined McCartney's staff last year, coached the quarterbacks and will do so again. He makes no pretense about tying his hopes to Detmer. Waiting in the wings since his impressive debut as an emergency starter three years ago, Detmer is expected to become a star in an offense that will be built around his passing. Detmer, who redshirted in 1993 and was restricted to mop-up work behind Kordell Stewart last year, will be accommodated by a change in Colorado's offense that will drop a two-tight-end alignment in favor of three wideouts.

KERRY HICKS
Colorado



Consistent with the team's image, the receiver corps is unproven but gifted and will feature Rae Carruth, James Kidd, Phil Savoy, and track sprinter James Davis. Matt Lepsis should be a solid tight end. A committee of sophomore tailbacks—Herchell Troutman, Lendon Henry, and Marlon Barnes—will attempt to replace Heisman Trophy recipient Rashaan Salaam. All-Big Eight center Bryan Stoltenberg leads an offensive line that returns the conference's best guards in Heath Irwin and Chris Naeole. New tackles are expected to be Melvin Thomas and Clint Moore.

A defense that will switch to a 4-3 alignment in hopes of mounting an improved pass rush has proven lineman in tackle Kerry Hicks and end Greg Jones. End Daryl Price, the surprise of spring practice, and

tackle Aaron Marshall, a redshirt freshman, complete a promising line. The linebacker corps returns starter Matt Russell in the middle and has highly regarded operatives elevated to the outside, Allen Wilbon and Ron Merckerson. The secondary returns starting safeties Donnell Leomiti and Steve Rosga but is vulnerable at cornerback, where returning regular Dalton Simmons is questionable because of a knee injury.

The Buffs, accustomed to deluxe kicking, hope punter Andy Mitchell can improve upon a trying freshman year. UCLA transfer Jason Lesley will challenge place-kicker Neil Voskeritchian.

OKLAHOMA

(6-6, 4-3) Howard Schnellenberger speaks glowingly of his inheritance. He said the senior-dominated Sooners are better in some areas than his 1983 national championship team at Miami and his best teams at Louisville. But the 14 seniors projected to start have only one notable victory (against Texas in 1993) in their careers and ended Gary Gibbs's regime by being pummeled by Brigham Young in the Copper Bowl. Schnellenberger called the 31-6 loss a disgrace and said it was to OU football what Pearl Harbor was to the U.S. Navy. But after a demanding offseason that peeled 1,000 pounds off the linemen, Schnellenberger surprised everyone by declaring the Sooners capable of winning their first Big Eight championship since 1987. They return a conference-high 18 starters.

The key to the Sooners' realizing their new coach's lofty goal is finding a quarterback to direct the pro-I offense that features considerably more passing than normal at Norman. Garrick McGee, last year's erratic starter, missed spring practice because of illness and injuries. Eric Moore, a redshirt freshman, impressed as a left-handed passer and scrambler. It will be his job to lose in the fall. Two highly regarded incoming freshmen, Chris Redman and Justin Fuente, will also contend for the job.

The remainder of the offense is set. Gerald Moore, James Allen, Jeff Frazier, Terry Collier, and Dwayne Chandler form the best set of running backs in the conference. Tight end, the leading receiver in Schnellenberger's offense, has a probable star in sophomore Stephen Alexander. Tackles Harry Stamps Jr. and J.R. Conrad, center Chuck Langston, and guards Joe Corollo and Milton Overton are seniors who have collectively started 10 years. Senior wideouts P.J. Mills and JaJuan Penny possess big-play capability.

The defense is not so solid, but end Cedric Jones and middle linebacker Tyrell Peters rank among the Big Eight's best at their positions. Tackle Baron Tanner is a potential star. Cornerback Darrius Johnson, linebackers Broderick Simpson, Mario Freeman, and Brent DeQuasse, safeties Maylon Wesley and Rod Henderson, and cornerback Larry Bush are returning regulars. End Paul Oatts and tackle Arthur Atkins are expected to complete the starting lineup.

Veteran punter Tim Daughtry and untested place-kicker Jeremy Alexander give the kicking game an uncertain look. A soft non-conference schedule should permit the Sooners to get off to a hot start.

KANSAS STATE

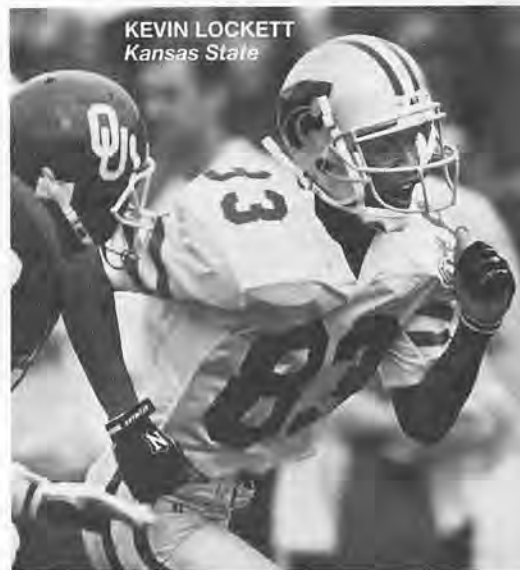
(9-3, 5-2) After a second straight nine-victory season, third-place finish in the Big Eight, and a bowl game, the Wildcats hope to prove that departed quarterback Chad May was not the sole reason for their success. Coach Bill Snyder thinks he has a team with all-purpose strengths to prevent a slide.

The key is May's successor, Matt Miller. He has been waiting in the wings for two years after transferring from Texas A&M. Miller is a dropback passer who was a highly regarded recruit as a California schoolboy four years ago. Juco All-America Cody Lee Smith was expected to challenge Miller before a virus sidelined him in spring practice and relegated him to backup.

Miller will be surrounded by the best receiver corps in the conference, featuring all-Big Eight wideouts Kevin Lockett and Tyson Schieweger. Mitch Running is not far from their level and Jimmy Dean ended spring practice ranked ahead of Schieweger. Tight end Brian Lojka started last year. Snyder is high on sophomore running backs Mike Lawrence and Eric Hickson. They will operate behind a line that is not as strong at tackle as it was last year but is bigger and deeper. Center Jason Johnson and guards Ross Greenwood and Chris Oltmanns are returning starters.

All-conference tackle Tim Colston leads a defensive line that Snyder thinks will be the Big Eight's finest. End Nyle Wiren ranks with the best at his position. The other end, Dirk Ochs started last year. Tackle Andrew Timmons, who was outstanding as a freshman in 1992 but injured in 1993 and withdrew from school in 1994, returned to win a starting position in spring practice. All-conference cornerback Joe Gordon leads a secondary that returns intact and also includes cornerback Chris Canty and

KEVIN LOCKETT
Kansas State



safeties Mario Smith and Chuck Marlowe. Percell Gaskins is the only proven linebacker, but DeShawn Fogle and redshirt freshmen David Damon and Travis Ochs make the position more athletic than it was last season, according to Snyder.

Snyder would welcome improvement from kicker Martin Gramatica and must depend on an inexperienced punter.

(6-5, 3-4) The Jayhawks had what coach Glen Mason described as a "disappointing" season, primarily because their defense was plundered by Nebraska and Colorado and leaked against lesser teams. Mason revamped his staff and hired two defensive aides from Colorado in an effort to plug some of the leaks.

But Kansas's hopes for climbing into the first division in the conference will again be pinned on a running attack that figures to be among the Big Eight's best and features a pair of prolific halfbacks. June Henley, who gained 1,127 yards as a freshman in 1993, suffered a shoulder injury after a hot start a year ago. With Henley sidelined or unproductive, L.T. Levine rushed for 803 yards. They might be the Big Eight's best pair of regulars.

The two will run behind a line that lost all-star guards but returns center Jared Smith and tackles Rod Jones and Scott Whittaker. KU's passing attack is laced with uncertainty. Quarterback Mark Williams is a first-time starter. Wideout Ashaundai Smith and tight end Jim Moore are the only experienced receivers.

The defense is one of the Big Eight's lightest and has an inexperienced interior. Linebacker Ronnie Ward is an all-conference possibility and linebacker Keith Rodgers, cornerback Tony Blevins, and

year, when the Tigers ranked seventh in every defensive category in the conference.

Smith's expectations on offense are qualified. He has a running quarterback in Brandon Corso, who is an adequate passer, fine tailbacks in Brock Olivo and Indiana transfer Kenyetta Williams, and a burly, fast fullback in Ernest Blackwell, who impressed in spring practice after being moved from tailback. They will run behind a line that began to blossom in the final weeks of 1994 after it made the transition from a dropback passing scheme. Russ Appel is among the Big Eight's many capable centers. Guard Mike Morris and tackle Chris Buck, returning regulars, and tackle Ed Flanagan, an imposing (6-7, 305) juco transfer, joined guard Chris Barrows in spring practice to comprise what Smith thinks will be "a greatly improved line." Returning wideout starter Rahsetnu Jenkins and juco transfer Harold Jones provide potential for deep passing. Tight end Bill Lingerfelt starts for a second year.

Linebacker Darryl Chatman and tackle Steve Martin rank among the Big Eight's better defenders and free safety DeMontie Cross was one of the few Tigers to play last fall with the aggressiveness that Smith wants. Otherwise, the defense will be turned over to jucos, redshirt freshmen, sophomores, and possibly incoming freshmen. Tackles Donnell Jones and Eric Douglas, end Brian Cracraft, and safety Shad Criss charged to the front in spring practice. Expected to make an impact if he becomes eligible is juco tackle Henry Thomas.

The Tigers have an experienced kicker in Mark Morris but will rely on freshman Jason Smith to punt.

OKLAHOMA STATE

(3-7-1, 0-6-1) Bob Simmons inherits the leanest cupboard among the Big Eight's four new coaches. The former defensive line coach at Colorado takes over a team that has not won a Big Eight game in three years and had losing records in each of its last six seasons under Pat Jones. Three years after the sanctions of their 1989 probation were lifted, the Cowboys still have a critically shallow squad. Only 47 recruited players participated in Simmons's first spring practice.

The improvement potential is greater on offense, which ranked last in the Big Eight and 95th nationally each of the last two years. Tailback Andre Richardson displayed flashes of stardom last fall when the speedy freshman was the Big Eight offensive Newcomer of the Year. David Thompson, another tailback, is reliable and Simmons will have a third blue-chip talent at that position if his son Nathan plays to his recruiting fanfare.

Quarterback Tone Jones, whose 44 percent completion rate was by far the worst in the Big Eight, must improve without the benefit of seasoned receivers. OSU's wideouts are so slow and limited that Simmons acknowledged that incoming freshmen would probably start. Center Bryan Hope, guard Scott Waterbury, and tackles Derek Leinen and Calvin Menaphee bring starting experience to the offensive line.

The defense has an all-conference contender in end Jevon Langford and linemen Jay Grosfield, Lorenzo Green, and Norman

Williams earned the coach's praise. The secondary of cornerbacks Jeroid Johnson and Johnny Jones and safeties Trent Fisher and Louis Adams returns intact, but it was a liability a year ago.

Lawson Vaughn ranks among the leading kickers and Simmons inherited the Big Eight's best punter in Greg Ivy. He also inherited one thing that was not a burden for Jones: a difficult, road-loaded nonconference schedule. OSU plays only one nonconference game at home. Hence, Simmons will be challenged merely to match last year's record.

IOWA STATE

(0-10-1, 0-6-1) First-year coach Dan McCartney will change the Cyclones' offense and defense—and, he hopes, their despair. Iowa State returns 16 starters and is not as shallow as Oklahoma State. But many observers think this is the least talented team in the conference.

McCartney, the defensive coordinator the last five years at Wisconsin, will convert the Cyclones from an option attack to a pro-style that features balance. He will, however, apparently have the same starting quarterback. Todd Doxzon, who averaged only eight passes per game last year but completed 56 percent, retained his No. 1 status in spring practice. But tailback Calvin Branch, thought to be the Cyclones' top all-conference candidate, was replaced by the faster Troy Davis.

Wideouts Mike Horacek, Ed Williams, and Geoff Turner and tight end Dennis DiBiase are experienced but heretofore did not have an opportunity to catch many passes. Tackle Tim Kohn and guard Matt Rahfeldt are returning starters who will be joined in the line by last year's backups: tackle Byron Heitz, center Paul Skartvedt, and guard Doug Easley.

Of six returning regulars on defense, only cornerback Russell Johnson was on the first unit at the end of spring drills. Former tackle Greg Schoon is No. 1 at nose guard, tackle Jason Putz starts at end, Mike Lincavage is at free safety, and former cornerback Greg Boyd starts at outside linebacker. Eric Martin and Clint Thomas are expected to start at linebacker.

Marc Harris ranks among the Big Eight's leading punters, but there is no proven place-kicker.

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TULSA

(3-8) The Hurricane heads into its final season as an independent hopeful of its first winning record since 1991. Coach Dave Rader's team, which joins the expanded Western Athletic Conference in 1996, has more experience and depth than last year, which turned sour in an opening upset of Missouri after quarterback Troy DeGar suffered a disabling knee injury. Turnovers keyed a string of close losses.

The key to turning those close losses around is DeGar. He had an encouraging spring and is expected to start. If he is unable to go, though, John Fitzgerald, a promising passer who started the second half of last season, will take over again. Center David Millwee anchors a solid line. Kenny Gunn and Solomon White are competent running backs. Wideouts Wes

JUNE HENLEY
Kansas



strong safety Maurice Gaddie are returning starters. Punter Darrin Simmons and kicker Jeff McCord also are back, but they need to improve on their 1994 performances.

MISSOURI

(3-8-1, 2-5) The Tigers expect to make significant improvement on offense in Larry Smith's second season, because they are better equipped to execute his kind of running attack. A softer nonconference schedule also enhances their prospect for greater success. But the key to the Tigers having their first winning record in 12 years is an inexperienced defense. The defensive-minded Smith was disappointed by Missouri's ineptitude last

Caswell and Michael Kedzior are big-play threats. Ends Sean O'Boyle and Coco Butler lead a defense that has uncommon depth in the secondary.

Tulsa plays its usual taxing schedule in September (Texas A&M, Baylor, Oklahoma State). If the Hurricane survives that start with its health and confidence, a winning record is possible.

gateway conference

predictions

gateway conference

1. Northern Iowa
2. Southwest Missouri State
3. Illinois State
4. Western Illinois
5. Eastern Illinois
6. Indiana State
7. Southern Illinois

In this high-tech, cyberspace world in which we live, a search for information is supposed to be at our fingertips. You don't know the difference between a Redbird and a Saluki, so you dial up Info Connection on the FAX machine, desperately seeking the facts on the seven Midwest schools that comprise the Gateway Con-

ference. Then you press 682# for Illinois State, followed by 1505# for the current football release. What do you receive, at least in April? Game notes for the 1994 season opener against McNeese State.

Relentless, you continue searching and find that Illinois State lost that game on its way to a 5-5-1 record, 3-3 in the Gateway for fourth place. Upon further review, you learn that Northern Iowa is the class of this league, having won four consecutive championships after sharing the title in 1990. You know this because the UNI sports information staff is also the class of this league, updating its release for Info Connection to include a 22-page 1995 prospectus.

So, the prediction here is that the Panthers, with 10 offensive starters returning, should six-peat, earning the league's automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs, where they'll look to avenge last year's first-round 23-20 loss to Montana.

NORTHERN IOWA

It's simply a matter of reloading for seventh-year coach Terry Allen, who has fashioned a 55-19 record in Cedar Falls. Although 14 starters return from an 8-4 team, only four are on defense. That could be a concern, since UNI didn't exactly cruise past its Gateway opponents, winning five of its six games by an average of 6.8 points. So the Panthers will probably rely on scoring a lot of points, hoping to win those 45-38 games.

They have the firepower, returning five of their top six rushers. Junior halfback Jeff

Stovall, despite playing eight games with a cast on his broken arm, piled up 823 yards and eight TDs. Rejoining him are senior fullback Jason Hamrock, sophomore James Porter and senior Troy Dooley. An experienced line includes Dan Bower, Andy Pattee, Jon Pilcher, Josh Toben, and Chris Clapp, while Stanford transfer Chris Berg will battle junior Steve Beard for the starting QB job. They'll be throwing to experienced receivers in tight end Matt Harken, Jake Kothe, Dedric Ward, and Anthony Taylor.

Defensively, UNI returns ends Cory Burkle and Ryan Behr, tackle Brian Moretz, and linebacker Kevin Hammond.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

A requirement for membership in the Gateway: A school must have a direction in its name or be a State college. Not really. Southwest Missouri State qualifies in both regards, but it doesn't get any bonus points on the field. This is also the only GC member that made coaching changes in its two most visible sports: former Kansas State assistant Del Miller begins his first year on the football sidelines and Steve Alford takes over the men's basketball program.

Miller has stepped into an ideal situation, with a team that returns 16 starters from a 4-7 squad that finished sixth in the league after starting the season 0-6. The entire backfield returns, led by tailback Dee Debro (600 yards) and fullback Dion Wiggins, who combined for 10 TDs. At quarterback, sophomore Jeremy Hoog will again battle senior Kyle

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Geller. Other returnees are flanker Phil Perkins, tackles Brad Kubik and Paxton Parker, guard Ryan Bravo, and center Luke Hake.

The top two tacklers return in linebacker DeLaun Fowler and free safety Jamie Hoskins. Rejoining them are linebackers Earnest Grayson, Kevin Lightburn, and Justin Springfield, cornerbacks Willie Parks and Bryan Jackson, and end Tom Procter.

ILLINOIS STATE

The Salukis finished 5-5-1 and fourth in the league at 3-3. It was their first time at or above .500 in two consecutive years since 1985-86, earning coach Jim Heacock a contract extension. With 16 returning regulars, the Salukis expect to challenge for the Gateway title this fall.

Fullback Will Hill was among the league's top 10 in rushing (552 yards) and senior classmate Kyle Robinson was fourth in receiving (39 catches). Tight end Tim Achterberg and receiver Steve Wilson also return, along with first-team all-GC selection Andy Ziebarth at guard, running backs Keith Goodnight and Maceo Rainey, and tackle Willie Ross.

Seven starters are back from a unit that ranked third in the league in total defense. First-team Gateway safety Duane Butler, a

second in the league at 4-2. Ball returns 10 starters but must replace the league's top passer in quarterback Rob St. Sauver (2,361 yards) and running back Kendall McDonald (112 yards per game). He has a solid offensive line in guard Daron Duke, center Ray Rudnick, and tackle Adam Love. Split end Chris Sabino is back, as is senior flanker Gunnard Twyner, who was second in the league in receiving (48-852).

Soph free safety Frank Spraggins, who led the GC with seven interceptions, heads the list of defensive returnees that includes linemen Isaac Cleveland and Wayne Stewart, linebackers Lamont Nicholson and Aaron Franklin, and corner Buck Phillips.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

The Panthers are high on senior tailback Willie High, who is No. 4 in the school's rushing chart (2,773 yards). He was second in the league last year with 1,154 yards, becoming just the fifth EIU back to go over 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons. If he does it again, he will finish his career behind only Poke Cobb (5,042 yards in 1976-79). One of six returning offensive starters for coach Bob Spoo, whose team went 6-5 and tied Western Illinois for second in the GC at 4-2, High will rejoin senior quarterback Pete Mauch, the Gateway's No. 2 passer (1,610 yards), running back Chris Hicks, guards Charlie Roche and Chris Dunkle, and center Chris Anderson.

Just four starters remain on defense, but the Panthers have the league's leading tackler and premier middle linebacker in Tim Carver. He'll team with fellow seniors Matt Sweeney and Curtis Price and junior safety Chris Brown.

INDIANA STATE

In the land of Larry Bird, 16th-year coach Dennis Raetz hopes his Sycamores can rebound from a 5-6 campaign to post the school's first winning season since 1984. His top returnee is first-team all-GC senior defensive tackle Dan Brandenburg, who tied for third in the league with seven sacks. Other returning starters are sophomore free safety Robert High and juniors Richard Moss, a linebacker, and cornerbacks Larry Scally and Dre Knox.

Raetz must replace quarterback Tom Cerasani. The leading candidates are junior Kevin Cox, senior John Darlington, and soph Courtland Tubbs. Junior wide receiver Larry Brown returns (42 catches for 401 yards). Senior tailback David Wright ran for 677 yards to rank fourth in the league. Line candidates include seniors David Papp, Jason Franklin, Aaron Stidham, and Omari Mangram. Senior kicker Tom Allison returns, as does junior punter Jay Gerth.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The rebuilding continues for second-year coach and 1982 SIU graduate Shawn Watson. The Salukis struggled to a 1-10 record and went winless in the Gateway, where they were outscored 185-89. Since winning the 1983 I-AA national title, the Salukis have enjoyed just two winning seasons.

But there is cause for optimism, as SIU returns eight offensive regulars, led by tight end Damon Jones, a transfer from Michigan, who finished the season with 31 catches for

509 yards. He rejoins receivers Jermaine Gray and Reggie Fowler, but the Salukis are looking for a replacement for quarterback David Pearson. Senior William Tolen (555 yards rushing) returns, as do tackles Larry Watkins and Leonard Lynch and guard Larry Mullens.

Ten starters are back from a unit that ranked last in the GC in just about every defensive category. Linebacker Tony Seman was No. 2 in the league in tackles (142). He'll play alongside Tommy Anderson and Brian Tranchitella. Other returnees are linemen Anglista Scott, Kurt Bentson, and Ryan Smith and backs Darnell Hendricks (4 interceptions), Cedric Kenner, Brian King, and Duane Lawrence.

pioneer league

predictions

pioneer league

1. Dayton
2. Butler
3. Drake
4. Valparaiso
5. San Diego
6. Evansville

Not long ago, Dayton made headlines while running up a 46-game winning streak. The Flyers were a Division III power, advancing to the national championship game five times between 1980 and 1991, winning it all in '80 and '89. But when the NCAA forced Division I basketball schools to upgrade their football programs to Division I status, Dayton made the move to I-AA in 1993.

Actually, schools in Dayton's position were hoping to have a better option: Division I-AAA. That is where the Pioneer Football League gets its name. The six schools were planning to be the nation's first I-AAA conference (Pioneers, get it?), but the NCAA still has not cooperated. So they now compete in a twilight zone known as I-AA non-scholarship.

Officially, PFL teams are eligible for the I-AA playoffs. Realistically, it will never happen, and it shouldn't. Line up a non-scholarship team against 65 athletes from Youngstown State, and have half a dozen ambulances ready on the sidelines. That doesn't mean PFL football is bad. Actually, it can be quite entertaining, and you know you're watching real student-athletes.

Dayton, without a national championship to chase, still hasn't missed a beat since its Division III days, winning the first PFL title in '93 and sharing it with Butler last fall. The Flyers should make another run for the top in '95, along with Butler, which features All-America tailback Arnold Mickens.

DAYTON

Cautiously optimistic would be a good way to describe the mood in the Dayton camp. Sure, coach Mike Kelly lost several key performers from last year's 8-2 squad, but when you discover the biggest hole to fill

TIM ACHTERBERG
Illinois State



junior, had four interceptions. He rejoins cornerback Jerry Creer, linemen Larry Fitzpatrick, Eric Johnson, and Larry Langlois, linebacker Chris Stevens, and safety Bill Randles. Junior kicker Todd Kurz made 12 of 20 field goals and finished fifth in the league in scoring.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

There is no easy way to get to Macomb, IL, home of the Leathernecks. It's a four-hour drive through the boondocks from Chicago, and a long commute from any of the Gateway schools. Maybe that's why coach Randy Ball's crew loves to play at home, compiling 6-1 record at Hanson Field against zombie-like road-weary foes. Or maybe the Leathernecks are simply good.

Western finished 8-3 overall and tied for

will be place-kicker, you suspect Dayton will again be flying high.

Seniors Britton Crates, a Michigan State transfer, and Brian Kadel will battle at quarterback. Each saw considerable time backing up Tony Ernst last year, when the Flyers outscored their opponents 294-111 in games they won. No. 2 rusher Benji Miller (525 yards) returns at fullback; soph Joshua Schwochow and junior Pat Hugar will split time at tailback. Senior Ryan Huyghe and junior Dan Paulick are the wideouts with senior Matt Hausfeld and soph Brent Bickel at tight end. Experienced line returnees are Brady Wolfer, Brian Miller, Matt Stangle, and Tony Yenichek.

Senior Matt Deters (6 interceptions) leads the defensive returnees. Other key players are cornerbacks Tom Loncar and Beau Schuetz, ends Jeff Miller and Bill Schmidt, and linebacker Martin Loncar.

BUTLER

Mickens pitch left. Mickens pitch right. Mickens handoff up the middle. That was the extent of the Butler offense in 1994, and it worked. The Bulldogs finished 7-3 overall and tied Dayton for the PFL title at 4-1. Arnold Mickens, a transfer who played linebacker at Indiana, set a I-AA record for rushing yards (2,255) and led the PFL with 18 touchdowns.

Mickens is back, but the backs of his linemen will be unfamiliar. He is one of just two returning starters on offense, the other being senior quarterback Toby Jacobs. Mickens amassed the third-highest rushing total in NCAA Division I history, trailing only Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State (2,628 in 1988) and Marcus Allen of USC (2,342 in 1981). Jacobs earned the starting nod midway through last season, but his job was primarily to hand the ball to Mickens, who carried it 409 times, with a season-high of 56 rushes for 295 yards against Valparaiso—the Bulldogs' only league loss.

Defensively, coach Ken LaRose also has a huge rebuilding job ahead. Just three regulars return: senior Craig Hauser and junior Damon Moore in the secondary and sophomore nose guard Ron Griswold.

DRAKE

Several starters return for seventh-year coach Rob Ash, whose Bulldogs lost only to Butler and Dayton in the league last fall and finished 7-3 overall. Roy Fletcher ranked second in the conference in passing efficiency, completing 54 percent for 1,619 yards. He's backed up by fellow senior Jay Anderson, who stepped in last year when Fletcher suffered a bruised shoulder. Also returning are soph fullback Charlie Schimberg, who was third in the PFL in rushing (808 yards), and senior Richard Hoskins, who was third in the conference in receiving (42 catches).

The Drake defense, No. 1 in the league (11.5 ppg) and among the national I-AA leaders, returns three deep backs in junior B.J. Hellyer and seniors Tom Boecker and Kerman Mason plus senior linebacker Matt Garvis, the PFL's No. 3 tackler.

VALPARAISO

The rebuilding job is complete at Valparaiso, where coach Tom Horne finished

7-3 last year, the school's best record since 1971. The Crusaders hope to challenge for an upper-division finish in the PFL, and they'll depend on junior quarterback Nick Browder and senior halfback Ozzie Young to get there. Browder, a scrambler, started nine games in the option offense, rushing for 368 yards and passing for 1,416. Young, one of the PFL's premier kick returners, led the Crusaders in rushing (606) and receiving (34-426). Juniors Darren Rodriguez and Maurice Watkins will compete for the fullback job vacated by three-year starter Trevor Bell. Wide receiver Doug Holok graduated, but VU returns tight end Darryl Jackson and Scott Hinrichs and Michael Tolbert. On the line are Jacob Adames, Mark Elijah, and Evan Fitzgerald.

Defensively, the Crusaders graduated free safety Shayne Snider, who led the PFL in interceptions (8) and had 18 in his career. Leading tackler Josh Berning is back at linebacker, along with senior Andre Murphy and Tom Cunningham, with Sahl Shaheed and Ronnie Sazone in the secondary and senior Eric Miller and junior John Harrington in the line.

SAN DIEGO

What are these surfer boys doing playing a bunch of farm hands from the Midwest? That was the big question when the Pioneer League announced that San Diego would be a charter member. Basically, the Toreros joined the PFL to have teams to play at the Division I-AA non-scholarship level. They are not only a formidable opponent, but they give the other teams something to look forward to every other season: a "Bowl Game" trip to the West Coast.

Coach Brian Fogarty enters his 13th season with the PFL's No. 2 rusher in junior Jermaine Rucker. The speedster worked the misdirection offense last year for 1,332 yards and 13 touchdowns. But Fogarty must replace quarterback Vince Moiso, who led the league in passing efficiency and was third in total offense. Junior James Beck will battle sophomores Mike Casagrande, Michael Doherty, and Brian Stevens for the job.

Defensively, the top returnee is back Doug Popovich, who led the league in tackles (142). Rejoining him in the secondary is junior Jeb Dougherty, who ranked among the league leaders with 92 tackles.

EVANSVILLE

The Aces, winless in the PFL in '94, expect to improve on their overall 4-6 record with 11 returning starters under fifth-year coach Robin Cooper. Senior quarterback Eric Fish has led the league in total offense and passing yardage for two seasons. He threw for 2,509 yards last fall, but his favorite target, All-America tight end Hanz Hoag, who led the PFL in receiving (50-556), graduated. Elmer Boeke and Ryan Difatta are back and Jeff Durham, Tom Fravel, and Rick Jenkins are returning regulars in the line.

Senior free safety James Duncan heads the defense. He earned first-team all-PFL honors after finishing No. 2 in the league with 125 tackles and returning two interceptions for touchdowns. He rejoins linebackers Jim Schaefer and Eric Gardner, end Ed Hathaway, and tackle Rodney Arnold. □

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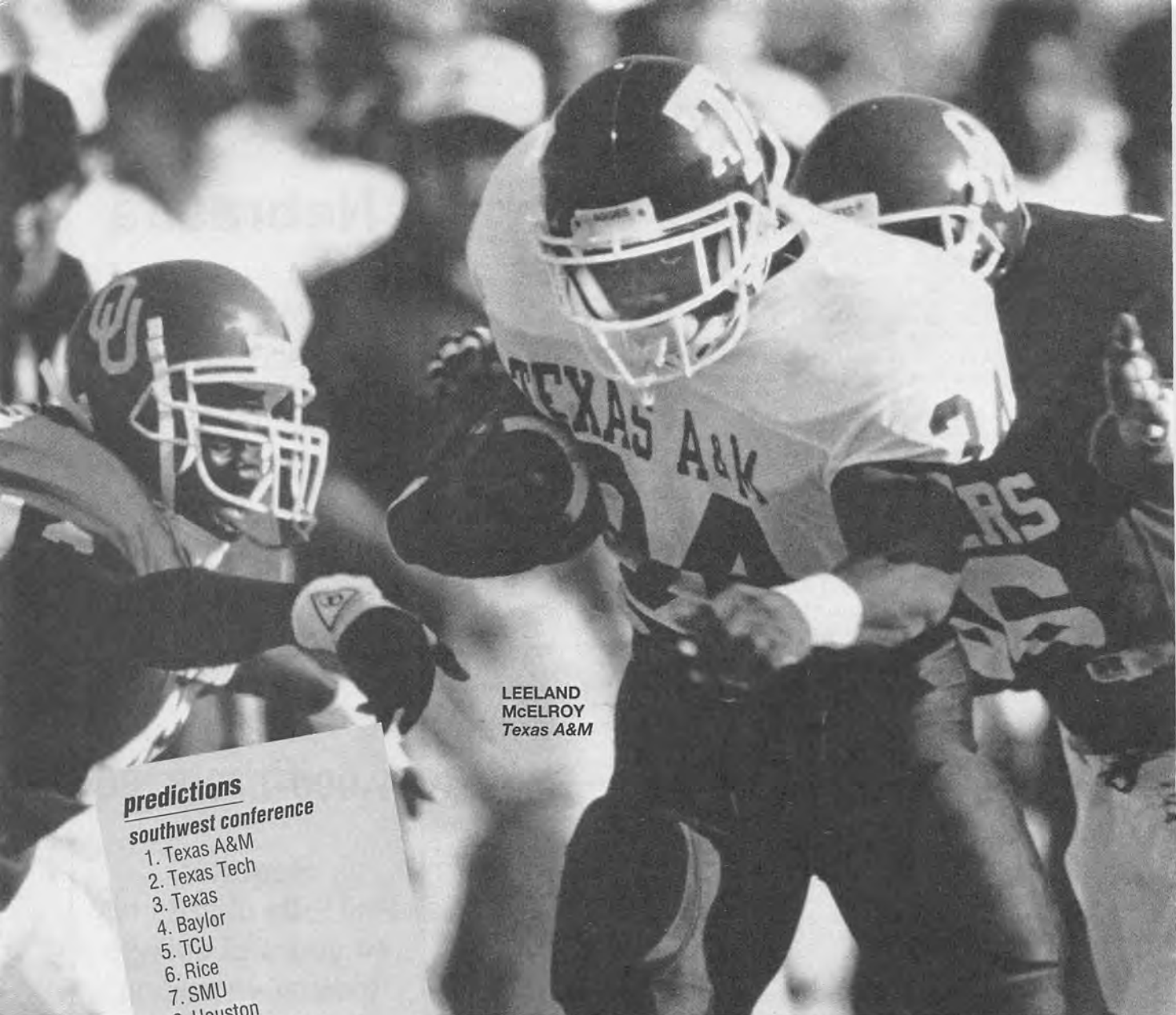
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southwest conference

TEXAS A&M

The NCAA accomplished something last season that seven Southwest Conference teams had been unable to do for the last four years: deny the Aggies a Cotton Bowl appearance. Now that A&M's one-year probation for NCAA violations has ended, the Aggies are poised to continue their dominating SWC presence under coach R.C. Slocum. Although they had little incentive other than pride, the Aggies still finished with a 10-0-1 record a year ago, tarnished only by a shocking 21-21 tie to lowly SMU.

Of all the bumper recruiting harvests A&M has enjoyed in recent years, none has produced a more electrifying performer than junior running back Leeland McElroy. Although he has yet to make his first start in

the Aggies' backfield, McElroy already has established a career kickoff-return average of 42 yards. He rushed for 707 yards and nine touchdowns in a reserve role last fall and could develop into one of the nation's brightest and most versatile offensive stars.

As if the Aggies needed anything else, they also will start the season with a major plus they haven't enjoyed in years: a senior starter at quarterback. Corey Pullig, who completed 60 percent of his pass attempts as a junior, is on the verge of becoming the winningest quarterback in A&M history and also of setting a school record for best career pass completion percentage. A&M plans to utilize a balanced attack on offense with receivers Kevin Beirne, Chris Sanders, and Hayward Clay and fullback Detron Smith. The line will depend on holdovers Calvin Collins, Hunter Goodwin, James Brooks, and Chris Ruhman.

A&M has developed a tradition of fielding quick, swarming defensive units and this year's version could prove to be the best. Junior end Brandon Mitchell and junior nose guard Edward Jasper anchor a talented front, while starters Reggie Brown and Larry Walker II return at linebacker in the Aggies' 3-4 alignment. The strong point of the defense, however, could be a secondary that includes returning starters Ray Mickens and Donovan Greer at cornerback and Dennis Allen at free safety.

Place-kicker Kyle Bryant and punter Sean Terry will play key roles for an A&M program whose 51-8-2 record (.852) in the 1990s leaves the Aggies trailing only Florida State and Miami as the NCAA's winningest teams this decade.

TEXAS TECH

The Red Raiders saved their best for last, earning their first Cotton Bowl trip as an SWC member in the final year of the conference's affiliation with the New Year's Day event. Not even a lopsided bowl loss to USC could prevent Tech from basking in the glow of the school's most successful season since it joined the conference in 1960. And

with 41 of 61 lettermen and 12 starters returning, there's ample reason to believe improvement can be made on last year's 6-6 record under Spike Dykes.

Zebbie Lethridge turned most of Tech's question marks at quarterback into exclamation points last fall. He finished fourth in the conference in total offense and was named the SWC Newcomer of the Year. Sophomore tailback Byron Hanspard also is back after averaging 99 yards rushing in Tech's last five games and setting a school freshman record with 761 rushing yards overall. Todd Walker and Rod Hobbs are projected to share time at fullback.

Finding enough capable pass targets shouldn't be a problem. Tech's top seven receivers are scheduled to return this fall, including sophomores Sheldon Bass and Stacy Mitchell and tight end Jerod Fiebigler. The offensive line should be another strong point with such holdovers as senior guard Ed Hendrix, junior guard Casey Jones, and tackle Ben Kaufman. Jay Pugh is the leading candidate to emerge as the center.

It's a case of feast or famine on defense, where a superb group of linebackers will have to counterbalance the loss of all four starters in the line and three regulars in the secondary. Zach Thomas developed into the SWC's most dynamic defender a year ago with 116 tackles and four interceptions. Thomas will be joined by Marcus Coleman, who already has set the conference career record by returning four interceptions for touchdowns, Shawn Banks, and Robert Johnson.

Cody McGuire and Corey Chandler, both of whom lettered as sophomores in reserve roles last year, are among the leading candidates for the openings in the defensive front. Senior cornerback Shawn

Hurd is the only holdover in a secondary that was ranked third in the nation in pass efficiency a year ago. Added help will come from seniors Verone McKinley and Tony Wilson and junior college transfers Kenny Haywood and Carl Marshall.

The kicking game is in good shape with the return of Brad Cade and Tony Rogers.

TEXAS

To say the Longhorns finished last season on an upswing would be an understatement. Texas not only earned a share of the conference title and a victory in the Sun Bowl, but also scored 146 points while winning its final three games. That late surge enabled the Longhorns to finish 8-4 in their third year under coach John Mackovic. Bigger things could be in store this fall for a tradition-rich program that has underachieved during most of the last decade.

An interesting battle looms at quarterback between two capable, experienced starters, an almost unfathomable luxury for the Longhorns. James Brown came on strong at the end, completing 57 of 74 passes for 767 yards and 10 touchdowns in his four games as a starter. Meanwhile, Shea Morenz will begin his junior year ranked third on the school's all-time career passing list with 3,774 yards. Sun Bowl MVP Priest Holmes and sophomore Darrell Wilson will compete for the No. 1 tailback, while junior Kenny Harrison and junior college transfer Jeffrey Clayton will share playing time at fullback. Texas received good news when injury-plagued senior Justin McLemore gained a sixth year of eligibility, since Curtis Jackson, Matt Davis, and Quinton Wallace are the only other returning experienced receivers.

The Longhorns return a solid nucleus in the offensive line in tackle John Elmore and guard Dan Neil, all-SWC second-teamers a year ago. They will be joined up front by center prospects Russell Gaskamp and Ryan Fiebigler, guard Corby Brooks, and tackle Dominic Bustmante.

A wealth of experience exists in the secondary, where hard-hitting cornerback Bryant Westbrook rejoins safeties Chris Carter and Tre Thomas. Two-time all-SWC defensive end Tony Brackens, who shared the team lead with 90 tackles last fall and looms as the Longhorns' best player up front, is projected to be used in different formations. Junior college transfer Matt Jones is expected to challenge for playing time at linebacker, which is Texas's greatest area of concern on defense. Several part-time starters are back, including Tyson King, Kyle Richardson, Tremaine Brown, and Jim Bob Evans. The kicking game could be among the SWC's best with sophomore Phil Dawson, who converted 14 of 15 field-goal attempts from inside the 47 and all 38 extra-point tries. Punter Duane Vacek has averaged 40.7 yards over the last two years while dropping 22 of his 92 career kicks inside the 20-yard line.

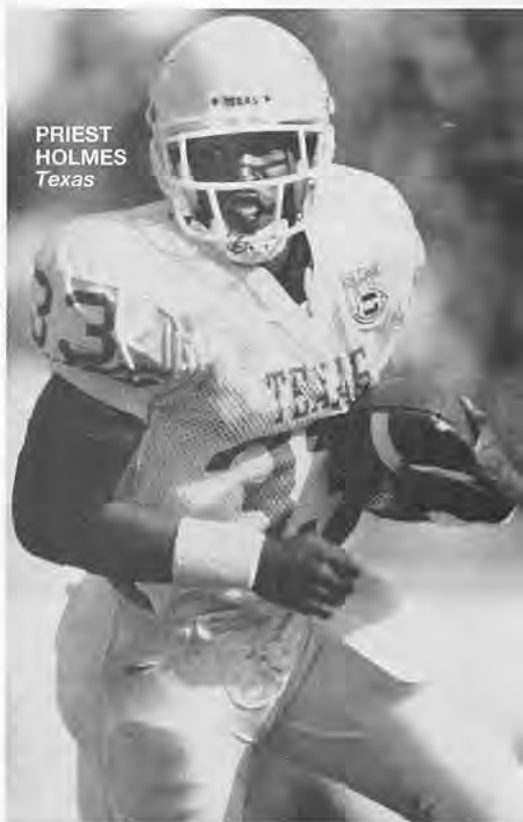
BAYLOR

Scoring points wasn't a problem last season for the Bears, who topped the 40-point plateau five times. But surrendering points wasn't a problem, either, as they yielded at least 37 on four occasions during a see-saw

7-5 season that resulted in a bowl invitation and a Southwest Conference co-championship under coach Chuck Reedy. More stability will be needed this fall if the Bears are to match last year's level of success against a schedule that includes five league champions, five top 25 teams, and six bowl participants from 1994.

In order to maximize the potential of tailback Jerod Douglas, who set a school record with 210 yards rushing against Texas, the Bears' staff plans to throw less and run more. Kalief Muhammad, a rugged wingback who also poses a dual threat as a receiver, and Douglas could provide Baylor with one of the best rushing tandems in the conference. Jeff Watson returns at quarterback after helping Baylor gain a berth in the Alamo Bowl last year as a freshman. Dustin Dennard, Gerald Patterson, and Pearce Pegross provide experience at receiver, but there is a lack of depth in an offensive line anchored by 6-7, 294-pound tackle Fred Miller.

An emphasis on rushing the quarterback and playing stingier pass defense was evident this spring as the Bears fine-tuned their 3-4 alignment. If nothing else, Baylor hopes a big defensive front anchored by Daryl Gardener (315 pounds), Charles Horton (282), junior college transfer Donnie Embra (284), Sheldon Mallory (274), Anthony Washington (285), and Roderick Kinney (276) will help tip the scales in their favor. The linebacking corps should be improved with the return of LaCurtis Jones, Clarence Cruse, Gary Bandy, Glenn Coy, Robert Mason, and Dean Jackson. Converted quarterback Adrian Robinson, sidelined for much of his junior season with a knee injury, is rated among the top strong safeties in the conference. Nikia Codie, Tyrone Smith, and George McCul-



lough are expected to contend for playing time in a revamped secondary.

Special teams have developed into more than an afterthought at Baylor. Ty Atteberry averaged 40.7 yards per punt a year ago. Jarvis Van Dyke, who has made all 80 of his career extra-point attempts, and Bryan Hawkins will compete for the place-kicking duties. Overall, the Bears have successfully converted their last 120 PATs, the second-longest streak in Southwest Conference history.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

It took more than 30 years, but the Horned Frogs finally turned into princes last fall by snaring a share of the Southwest Conference title and posting a 7-5 record on their way to their first bowl invitation in almost a decade. TCU was able to retain league Coach of the Year Pat Sullivan, a former Heisman Trophy winner who spurned other offers to help the Frogs close out their SWC era this season and prepare to enter the Western Athletic Conference in 1996.

The offensive line is a major focus of attention for the Frogs, who must find four starters to join lone holdover Ryan Tucker. Redshirt freshmen Greg Davis, J.P. McFarland, and Jon Donahue and junior college transfer Fabian Stegall are the leading candidates to fill spots in what looms as TCU's greatest area of concern. Added help could come from senior tackle Clifford Barnes and senior center Kevin Brewer.

If the Frogs can find the right combina-

returns after a sensational season during which he rushed for 1,494 yards and seven touchdowns and caught 47 passes for three TDs. Capable pass targets abound. Tight end Brian Collins and receivers John Washington, Chris Brasfield, and Jason Tucker combined for 89 catches last year. Junior fullback Koi Woods provides yet another pass-receiving threat out of the backfield.

One of the Frogs' most closely watched experiments on defense during spring drills involved the move of Lenoy Jones from outside to inside linebacker after a junior year in which he made 80 tackles. Jones will be joined by senior Tyrone Roy and juniors Jay Davern and Tony Brown. Geoff Stephens also has been moved, from strong safety to outside linebacker. Chris Piland, Hayes Rydel, and Gaylon Hyder provide TCU with a solid nucleus in the defensive line. The



RAMON FLANIGAN
Southern
Methodist

secondary returns intact with free safety Marvel Hopes and cornerbacks Mikyha Martin and Chuckie McWilliams. On special teams, Beau Stephens will try to improve on his 39.8-yard punting average, while Michael Reeder returns after converting 11 of 15 field-goal attempts as a freshman.

RICE

The Owls rewarded first-year coach Ken Hatfield with a banner season by defeating Texas for the first time since 1965 and earning a share of the Southwest Conference title. The end result was a 5-6 record that left Rice just short of making its first bowl appearance since 1961. With 16 starters returning, the Owls could make their final SWC season one to remember.

The Owls once again should boast strength up the middle with senior guard Chris Cooley and center Jeremy Thigpen anchoring the line, Spencer George at fullback, and Josh LaRocca and Chad Nelson providing depth at quarterback. Tackles

Eric Ober and Richard Williams also return up front, while Brent Spinner is projected to fill the vacancy at right guard. George, who rushed for 804 yards last fall, will be joined by halfback candidates Yoncy Edmonds, Rodd Newhouse, Byron Godfrey, and Pat Callahan. Tight end Adrayll Askew and receivers Emerson Allen and Kris Armstrong should emerge as the Owls' most capable pass targets.

Once again, the strong point of Rice's defense will be at linebacker, where decorated performers Larry Izzo and Joe Davis return after combining for 200 tackles last fall. Redshirt freshmen Rashad Reynolds and Andy Beard and junior Derrick Williams are the leading candidates to fill the remaining linebacker position. The line should be another bright spot with such holdovers as end Ndukwe Kalu, tackle Brynton Goyes, and nose guard Larry Thompson. Added help will come from Jason Winship, Arthur Terry, and Andy Clifton. Stability is the byword in the secondary, where cornerbacks Bobby Dixon and Warrick Franklin and safeties Jeff Sowell and Aaron Stanley started all 11 games a year ago. Sowell led the defensive backs with 62 tackles, while Franklin had 12 pass deflections.

Tucker Phillips averaged 38.7 yards per punt and place-kicker Matt Huelsman, who may be pushed by Johnny Bagwell, led the team in scoring, with 53 points.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Mustangs fans spent the final minute of several games last year on the edge of their seats. In six of 11 games, SMU had an opportunity to win in the closing minute, only to win one, lose four, and tie Texas A&M in what one magazine called the upset of the 1994 college season. Only 29 points separated the Mustangs, 1-9-1 under coach Tom Rossley, from their first winning season since 1986. Whether SMU comes of age this fall will depend on added consistency on



STACY MITCHELL
Texas Tech



JOSH LaROCCA
Rice

tion up front, they may be able to unlock a potentially devastating offense led by quarterback Max Knake and senior running back Andre Davis. Knake completed 58 percent of his passes last fall while establishing school records with 2,624 yards passing and 24 touchdowns. His next scoring pass will enable him to become TCU's all-time leader in that category. Davis, meanwhile,

offense and a more opportunistic defense.

Many of the team accolades were reserved for quarterback Ramon Flanigan, who accounted for 64 percent of the total offense and 69 percent of the touchdowns. Flanigan once again will have to carry much of the early burden while SMU grooms receivers to join lone veteran holdover James Whitmore. Redshirt freshman Bryan Harmon, Chris Campbell, and Donte Wornack are the top candidates at running back. The line, which yielded only 13 sacks in SMU's last six games, returns three junior starters in center Brannon Kidd, guard Keith Chiles, and tackle Jason Holz. Added help will come from Glenn Ivey, Rodney Townsend, and Dray Wilson.

The Mustangs, who will join the Western Athletic Conference in 1996, converted only eight of their 29 takeaways into scores last year, an area which must improve if they entertain any hope for a winning record in their final season in the lame-duck Southwest Conference. A major plus could be the improvement of a defensive line that returns junior end Wilbert Mitchell, sophomore tackle Jason Evans, and senior tackle Brian Kennedy. Quality depth, a luxury for SMU at most positions in recent years, is evident at linebacker with the presence of Chris Bordano, Craig Swann, Cagan Morgan, and Jackson Moore. Bordano averaged 14 tackles per game last season despite limited playing time because of a back injury. Senior cornerback Cornell Parker is the leader in a secondary that also includes free safety Troy Williams and cornerback candidates Jay Harvey, Eric Thomas, Dewey Evans, and Ken Neill.

Place-kicker Ben Crosland returns and punter Anthony Scotti will try to improve on his 37-yard average.

HOUSTON

There were times last season when the Cougars must have thought they needed the Hubble Telescope to look up at the rest of the conference. Only once did they score more than 13 points and only once did they allow fewer than 30 during a nightmarish 1-10 record under coach Kim Helton. A lack of depth at most positions once again plagues a program that will compete in its 20th and final season in the Southwest Conference this fall before becoming a charter member of Conference USA.

Only 44 scholarship players participated in spring drills for the Cougars, leaving several questions unanswered while Houston awaits the arrival of its incoming freshman class. Helton, whose teams have won two games in his first two years at Houston, believes as many as 15 of the Cougars' 24 incoming recruits could provide strong competition for starting roles this fall.

A top priority will be searching for adequate depth in an offensive line that returns tackle Jimmy Herndon, center Ben Fricke, and guards Steven Williams and Wayne Wheeler. Redshirt freshman Larry Oliver, junior Chuck Clements, and senior Chad O'Shea will compete at quarterback. Clements was sidelined for much of last season with a broken hand. Jermaine Williams, who led Houston with 670 yards rushing in '94, will be joined in the backfield by Jay McGuire, Ryan Burton, Aaron Bluit,

and Bryant Henderson. A lack of depth is a concern at receiver, where juniors Damion Johnson and Charles West will compete with former walk-on Larkay James and Jason deGroot.

The situation is a little brighter on defense. Senior ends Otis Grant and Marlon Fouts, sophomore end Rusty Foster, and senior tackle Carlos Chester combined to start 31 games last season. Middle linebacker Mike Parker, who made a team-high 99 tackles, will be joined by fellow sophomores Chad Shaw, Keon Banks, and Eric Woloson and junior college transfer James Reddish. Gerome Williams, a two-year starter who was moved from strong safety to free safety, will team with cornerbacks Dedric Mathis and Delmonico Montgomery and strong safety Thomas McGaughey.

The Cougars' lack of overall depth is reflected by the fact that freshman redshirt Mike Waddell will begin fall drills as the punter and place-kicker.

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predictions

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1. Stephen F. Austin
2. McNeese
3. Northwestern State
4. Sam Houston State
5. Nicholls State
6. Southwest Texas State

On paper, it would be tempting to divide the Southland Conference's remaining six football programs into two divisions: the contenders and the pretenders. Stephen F. Austin, McNeese, and Northwestern State are expected to contend for the league title and a Division I-AA playoff berth, while Sam Houston State, Nicholls State, and Southwest Texas State appear to be in the midst of a rebuilding phase.

Last season, only four seconds kept Stephen F. Austin from the league title. Things could be different this season as the Lumberjacks reload a potent offense with 10 returning starters. First, however, SFA must overcome a tradition-rich McNeese program that has compiled a 26-5-2 conference record over the last five years. The Cowboys are poised to contend for their third SLC championship during that same span. Added depth and a wealth of veteran talent could enable Northwestern State to surge past the conference's top two contenders.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Now that they've entrenched themselves among Division I-AA's elite programs, the Lumberjacks appear poised to challenge for the Southland Conference championship and become a potential national power. SFA has been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams during each of the poll's last 26 weeks, a claim only nine other programs can make. The return of 10 starters from a

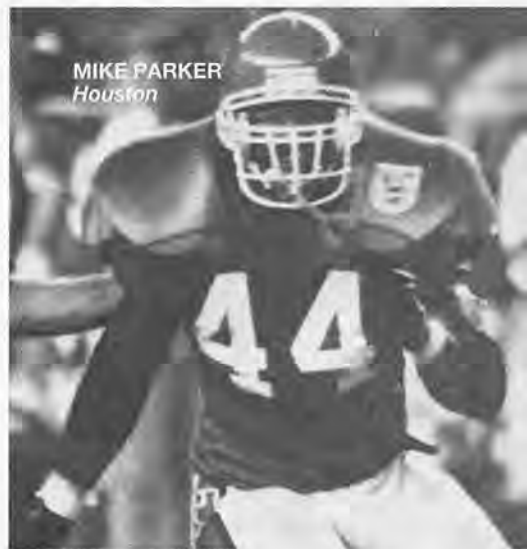
prolific offensive unit should enable the Lumberjacks to improve on last season's 6-3-2 record under John Pearce.

James Ritchey returns for his fourth year as quarterback after throwing for 1,600 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Leonard Harris, who needs only 390 yards to become the school's career rushing leader, will be joined by receivers Michael Pearce and Chris Jefferson on a squad that averaged 28.3 points per game. The biggest concern is finding depth for a line which will be anchored by guard Lee Kirk and center Rubin Covington.

A huge rebuilding job awaits the Lumberjacks at linebacker, where sophomore Jeff Kelly, junior Greg Axelrod, and redshirt freshmen Brian Sullivan and Earl Ricicar are projected starters. Clint Zander and Aaron DeLaTorre are the top names in the line. Added help will come from a pair of transfers: end Kevin Ellison, from Colorado, and safety Rod Narcisse, from Minnesota.

MCNEESE

Success has become a tradition for the Cowboys under coach Bobby Keasler, who has directed McNeese to a first- or second-place finish in the SLC standings in each of his first five seasons. Last fall, the Cowboys finished with a 10-3 record after advancing to the I-AA quarterfinals for the second year in a row. A repeat performance could be in store as 15 starters return.



Senior quarterback Kerry Joseph, the school's career passing leader, threw for 2,047 yards and 12 touchdowns and rushed for 681 yards and four scores last year. He will be joined in the backfield by Henry Fields, a three-year regular at tailback who rushed for 1,100 yards and six TDs. Other stalwarts on the unit include fullback Rusty Struppeck, wide receiver Terence Davis, guard Roland Lavine, tackle Marsh Bruce, and tight ends Marrico Wilson and Michael Warren.

Senior linebacker Vincent Landrum returns after making a team-high 153 tackles in '94. Additional help will come from such veterans as safety Zack Bronson, linebacker Chad Reeves, tackle Greg Bonvilain, end Kavika Pittman, safeties Marcus LeBlanc and Clyde Williams, and cornerback Damon Gladney.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

It's not difficult to understand why coach Sam Goodwin believes this year's team might be the best in the Demons' history. Depth and experience are prevalent on both sides of the football as Goodwin begins his 13th season at Northwestern State after directing the team to a 5-6 record a year ago. Players who provided 100 percent of the team's passing yards last season return, as do 21 of the team's top 25 tacklers.

Senior quarterback Brad Laird should become the Demons' career passing leader this fall after throwing for 1,661 yards last season despite missing two games with a shoulder injury. Junior tailback Clarence Matthews, who rushed for 1,048 yards and nine TDs last year, adds another dimension to an offense that averaged 29 points per game.

Senior tackle Nathan Platt, who recorded eight tackles for losses last season before being sidelined with an ankle injury, joins

starters from a unit that must overhaul its entire front. Joey Foster, Chris Hall, and David Garrett provide stability in the secondary, while Billy Holmes, Dedrick Mango, and Eric Anderson are projected starters at linebacker. Rodney Lott, John Norman, Gary McEntire, and Don Aldredge are the top candidates for the defensive line.

NICHOLLS STATE

Finding enough talent to bolster a sagging secondary is of primary importance to first-year coach Darren Barbier. The Colonels finished first among Southland teams against the pass last year but last against the run while posting a 5-6 record. Steps already have been taken to reverse that trend by moving team rushing leader Frank Wilson to cornerback.

The biggest strength on defense could be the depth at inside linebacker with the return of Darnell Small and Tyrone Houston, who combined for 210 tackles a year ago. Wilson joins Tedrick Henry, Reggie Davis, and Eric Crawford in a revamped secondary. Derek Luke and Eric Fountain are the top returnees in the line.

Corey Thomas could emerge as the starting quarterback in a backfield that also should include fullback Monte Dugas, wingback Reggie Rogers, and tailback candidates Faraji Foster, Inurell Chester, and Nakia Lumar. The receiving corps appears solid with such veterans as Derrick Maxwell, Kip Rohner, and tight end Toby Lafont. Mainstays in the offensive line include guards Allen Catoire and Greg Reynolds and center Dean Buckland.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Finding the keys to the Southland cellar is the immediate goal confronting the Bobcats, who ended a roller-coaster season with a 4-7 record under coach Jim Bob Hel-duser. How much progress is made will depend on how quickly a large group of defensive newcomers blends with eight returning starters on offense.

The Bobcats' running game should benefit from the return of sophomores Claude Mathis and Aaron Allen and the addition of Houston transfer Lawrence McPherson. Redshirt freshman David Williams, who completed 57 percent of his pass attempts last fall, will be throwing to proven targets Chris McGarrahan and Cyril Adkins.

The defensive line is anchored by Donald Miller, Stace Williams, and Junior Fite, while Joe O'Haver and Brad Schley are the top holdovers at linebacker. The secondary returns seven of last season's top eight players, most notably Nicolas Jack, Michael Williams, Vince Collins, and Fred Davis. Jeff Brandes will handle the punting duties for the fourth consecutive year.

independents

Defending Southland Conference champion North Texas has entered the I-A ranks as an independent after competing at the I-AA level for 13 years. The Eagles will join the Big West Conference in 1996. Northeast Louisiana, which made the same leap to I-A status a year ago, hopes to rebound this fall after playing a schedule some considered among the nation's toughest.

NORTH TEXAS

Although coach Matt Simon guided the Eagles to a 7-4-1 record and a Southland Conference title in his first season in 1994, North Texas will face new challenges this fall with its move to division I-A. How the Eagles fare against the more formidable opposition will depend on how quickly quarterback candidates Jason Mills and Damon West jell with receivers Troy Redwine and Vertis McKinney. There is a solid rushing tandem with the return of sophomores Hut Allred and Bo Harrison. Jeff Bowles, Jeff Daniels, and Robert Waddle are on the offensive line.

Willis Hudson is the lone returning regular in the defensive front and seniors Gerald Farley and Lorenza Washington are the only holdovers in the secondary. The situation is a bit brighter at linebacker, where juniors Benny Cherry and Justin Ray and sophomore Brett Renfro all return.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

The giddiness of moving to the I-A level was tempered with the reality of a 3-8 record in the Indians' first season as an independent. Ten starters are back on offense, but coach Ed Zaunbrecher must rebuild a defensive line and add quality depth to their offensive front.

Senior wide receiver Stepfret Williams is the top player on the offensive unit that also includes fullback Eric Foster and guard Orlando Bobo. Williams set a school record last fall with 57 receptions for 1,106 yards and 10 TDs. Raymond Philyaw returns for his second season at quarterback.

Senior tackle Robert Smith is the only mainstay in a defensive front which will need help from such candidates as Wylan Terrell and Stefon Maynor. Depth is a plus at linebacker with the return of junior Chad Nerenberg, Donnell Gray, Charles Moody, Shawn Lang, and Roderick Malcolm. Junior free safety Alonzo Hampton and senior cornerback Terrace Dunbar are the top names in the Indians' secondary.

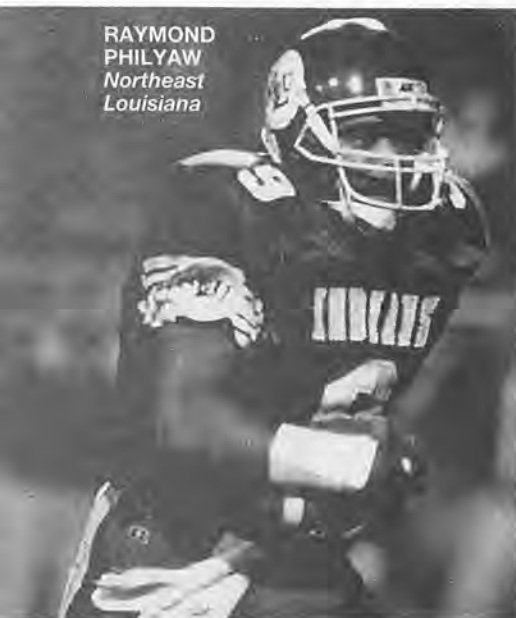
southwestern athletic conference

- predictions**
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1. Southern
 2. Grambling
 3. Jackson State
 4. Alcorn State
 5. Texas Southern
 6. Alabama State
 7. Mississippi Valley
 8. Prairie View

Alcorn State quarterback Steve McNair has graduated to the pro ranks after putting up some mammoth numbers. Selected by the Houston Oilers with the third overall pick of the NFL draft, McNair wound up as the

STREET AND SMITH'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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linebacker George Haynes as veteran leaders on the Demons' defense. The kicking game should be another asset with the return of punter John Louviere and junior-college transfer Gregory Mueller.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

After winning their first five games a year ago for their best start since 1964, the Bearkats had their season disrupted by a harrowing succession of injuries that knocked them from the national I-AA rankings. The end result was a 6-5 record under coach Ron Randleman. Finding a replacement for school career rushing leader Charles Harris will be a priority if they are to reverse last year's tailspin.

Kirk Lawrence, Bennie Wylie, Wayne Coleman, and Lester Leonard are the prime movers in a running game that will complement the passing ability of junior quarterback Stacey Arrambide and receivers Red Jones and Kenan Dever. The offensive line should be in good shape with such holdovers as Darius Smith at center and tackles Kevin Janek and Brad Molder.

On defense, the Bearkats return six

most prolific passer in NCAA Division I-AA history (14,496 yards and 119 TDs) and the career total offense leader for all divisions (16,823 yards).

With McNair's departure, the QB spotlight has shifted to Grambling's Kendrick Nord and Southern's Eric Randall, who have the talent to put their teams over the top. Southern wears the favorite's label in a wide-open race, with Grambling, Jackson State, and Alcorn also in the running. Texas Southern, Alabama State, and Mississippi Valley appear to be closely bunched, but a big gap separates Prairie View from the rest of the pack. The Panthers, whose last win came over Mississippi Valley in 1989, are trying to snap a 46-game losing streak, the longest in college football.

Another streak is alive in the SWAC. That genial giant of the gridiron, Eddie Robinson, returns for his 53rd season. College football's all-time winningest coach, Robinson is looking for his Grambling Tigers to rebound from a late-season skid that saw them lose their final three games after a 9-0 start. The closing slump means Robinson must reload

cent of his passes for 2,076 yards and 12 touchdowns (and 15 interceptions). Fred Bailey had a school-record 51 catches for 587 yards and four TDs. The senior speedster doubles as a kickoff returner, as does Kenyatta Sparks. Brent Barrington (6-6, 280) presents a big target at tight end. Melvin Williams rushed for 1,031 yards as a rookie, the first SU back in 40 years to gain 1,000 yards. Lionel Nicholas and guard Marshall Hayes open the holes for him.

Kenya Rounds, who was named to two Black All-America teams in 1994, was the leading tackler on the unit that started the season with three straight shutouts and finished as the league's stingiest defense (262.6 ypg). He will get support from senior linebacker classmate Isaiah Shy. Andre Davis, Kendell Shello, and Robert Walker anchor the line. A lack of depth in the secondary poses a problem. Heishma Northern is the lone returning starter, but Keith Foster looks to have one earned a spot.

GRAMBLING

(9-3) The Tigers will be hard-pressed to match last season's performance, when they scored just under 40 points per game while sharing the SWAC title with Alcorn State. But the G-Men, as always, have talent and tradition on their side, not to mention coach Eddie Robinson, who owns a remarkable 397-143-15 career record.

Robinson will mold his 53rd Grambling team around 11 returning regulars, headed by senior quarterback Kendrick Nord, who threw for 3,017 yards and 32 TDs while playing in the shadow of Alcorn's heralded Steve McNair. Junior Chiron Applewhite is a highly regarded backup. The receiving corps lacks experience, with Solomon Thompson (13 catches for 248 yards) making the switch from tight end and wingback Jeff Nichols (15-163) the main targets. Renaldo Graham (6-5, 250) is at tight end. Broderick Fobbs and Nichols share the running load, while Keith Dean will try to fill the shoes of all-SWAC fullback Norman Bradford. All-SWAC guard Elliot Womack rejoins center Uzoma Moore, guard Jerry Myers, and tackles Chris Johnson and James Brooks on the line.

Seven regulars are back from the league's No. 2 defense. Brandon Walters and Albert Reese lead the charge up front. All-SWAC linebacker Keifer Phillips is gone, but Pat Walton and Mark Mosby will try to plug the gap. Free safety Shelly Barnett had six interceptions. Valmond Brown and Chris Samson are at strong safety with Tony Blockett and Brian Livingston on the corners. Brannon Simpson will handle all the kicking.

JACKSON STATE

(7-4) Coach James Carson must plug several gaping holes if the Tigers hope to contend for the SWAC title. Finding a replacement for quarterback Darrell Asberry is No. 1, with sophomore Grailyn Pratt and junior James McIntosh, who've seen limited action, and highly regarded newcomers Clifton Davis and Roger Reed all in the running. Senior wide receiver Greg Spann (39 catches for 721 yards) is an all-star candidate. Jerome Young had 19 catches. The backfield lost William Arnold III, whose 108.3 rushing

yards per game led the SWAC but retains senior Maurice Hampton (457 yards) and junior Gary Taylor plus redshirt freshman Matt Bouwens. Senior Donald Burrell drew raves in the spring after being shifted from guard to center and junior tackle Rayfield Adams (6-2, 315) is an imposing figure.

Senior Corwin Sledge had 57 tackles and five sacks in '94. He's joined up front by Carlos Lockhart, Chad Ford, Darold Jones, and Charles Barnes. An inexperienced linebacker corps has forced Carson to move redshirt Eric Austin from strong safety and Richard Alvarado from tight end, while Kevin Meriweather will start in the middle. The secondary has a veteran look, led by leading tackler Picasso Nelson at free safety and cornerbacks Derrick Lewis and Quincy Coleman, both of whom started as freshmen in 1994. Cedric Dunbar averaged just under 40 yards per punt.

ALCORN STATE

(8-3-1) Record-setting quarterback Steve McNair has headed off to the NFL after turning the Braves' offense into an aerial circus. Now coach Cardell Jones has to find a replacement for the ringmaster. Senior Jerry Fletcher gets first crack, with junior Andre Credit, senior Jarvis McIntosh, and sophomore Donald Cosie all competing for playing time. Tim McNair, the other half of the brother aerial combo, also has departed with big numbers (80 catches for 1,322 yards and 14 TDs). Kobie Jenkins (85-1,199-10) is back, as are Donald Ross and tight end Clayton Turner. Running back Lee Terry Moore was the 55-meter SWAC champion as a freshman. Three starters return in the line: junior Kewone Robinson and seniors Henry Phillips and Jason Floyd.

All-SWAC end Bryant Mix, who had a team-high 13 sacks, heads the defensive cast. Senior linebacker Jermaine Brown is coming off a big year in which he had a hand in 114 tackles. All-purpose man Marcus Colley figures prominently at linebacker, which regains Allen Ray Haynes from neck surgery after he won all-SWAC honors in 1993. Carlos Thorton and Sean Benton may be moved from linebacker to plug gaps on the line. The secondary retains corners Elluntate Bell, Donte Dowers, and Malcolm Jones and safeties Richard White, Ben Carter, Calvin Robinson, and Shannon Williams. Junior David Jakana set a school record by booting 51 extra points in '94.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(4-7) Only 15 points stood between the Tigers and their first winning season since 1971. Second-year coach Bill Thomas, who will look for continued improvement behind 17 returning starters, has added veteran offensive mastermind Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley to his staff.

Cedric Douglas threw for 951 yards and rushed for a team-high 701 yards while accounting for 10 touchdowns. Fellow senior Byron Henderson backs him up. Sophomore Byron Solomon and senior Jason Hampton bolster the ground game. The top two receivers, Jason Gaines and David Thomas, return along with Merideth Campbell and tight end Leonard LeBlanc. The line features four seniors who have played together as a unit for three seasons:



CLARENCE MATHEWS
Northwest Louisiana

as he takes aim on magical win No. 400, which could come on September 23 in the Tigers' third game.

One of the feature games on the SWAC schedule will find last year's co-champs, Grambling and Alcorn, squaring off in the season opener on September 2. The G-Men also are pointing toward the season finale when they battle Southern in the annual Bayou Classic at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

SOUTHERN

(6-5) The Jaguars were snake-bitten last year, losing five games by a combined 16 points, before putting a 34-7 bite on SWAC co-champion Grambling in the season finale. Coach Pete Richardson hopes the momentum from the Bayou Classic victory will have a carry-over effect.

Quarterback Eric Randall, a four-year starter, directs a unit that averaged 377 yards per game. He completed over 57 per-

Kevin Johnson, Delroy Worrell, Larry Samuel, and William Andrews.

On defense, Eric Johnson, Alfred Bryant, and Nick Lopez supply the pass rush. James Jones will be a force in the middle. Ramon Manning, Jay Corzine, and Derrick Thomas are the leading linebacker candidates. Junior Gary Edwards had 48 tackles and three interceptions. Kicker John Thorn averaged 35 yards per punt and hit 8 of 10 field goals. Gaines and Thomas combined for almost 900 yards on kickoff and punt returns last year.

ALABAMA STATE

(6-5) After starting last fall on a bittersweet note, the Hornets are gearing up for what could be a sugar-coated 1995. Coach Houston Markham Jr. grimaces when he recalls last season's opening game. His team rallied to beat Alabama-Birmingham, but quarterback Alcedo Surtain and running back Victor Davis went down with season-ending injuries on consecutive plays.

The Hornets will try to build on last year's strong finish (5-1) with 15 returning starters, including All-America candidates in wide receiver Reggie Barlow and running back Robert Vaughn. Barlow caught 58 passes for a league-best 1,267 yards and set a school record with 12 touchdown receptions. Vaughn is coming off a sparkling sophomore season in which he rushed for 1,088 yards and 13 TDs in only seven games. Surtain has recovered from a broken arm and will compete with Sevestin Henry and John Feagin for the starting job.

Cory Mack and Davis will spell Vaughn. Jason Lucas is a two-way threat as a receiver and kickoff returner. Tackles Paul Etheridge (6-5, 315) and Emille Stallworth are joined up front by Paris Kinnie, George Bowens, Trevlin Payne, and Tim Thurman, who average 6-5 and 285.

Senior linebackers Derek Scott and Cedric Thornton ranked 1-2 in tackles. Michael Williams, who led the conference with seven interceptions, leaves a big void in the secondary, where Andrew Lewis, Roy Dawkins, Alphonso Pogue, and Darryl Florida return. Kenny Powell handles the place-kicking and Taurus Robinson inherits the punting chores.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(3-7) "Stay Alive in '95" is the Delta Devils' motto as they try to rebound from three straight losing records. Last season's team stumbled badly down the stretch, losing five of its final six games.

Coach Larry Dorsey's offense averaged a modest 274.2 yards per game. Senior quarterback Keith Poindexter has to improve his numbers (633 passing yards and 5 TDs). His primary target is Steve Booze (22 catches for 394 yards and 4 TDs). Jerome Griffin bears watching and Marvin Bailey could be a sleeper at tight end, where he will split time with Steve Eskridge. Ivan Washington is the lone experienced running back, but Terry Houzah shows potential. Leading the blocking are "Twin Mountains" Calvin Bolton (6-5, 325) and Darrell Randell (6-5, 315), plus

Kenny Robinson, Darrel Robbison, and freshman Eddie Hardy.

Six starters, headed by all-SWAC line-backer Alonzo Brown, are missing off a defensive unit that allowed 280 yards per game, the second-lowest total in the league. Tackle Eddie "Hound Dog" Malone is the only starter returning up front, where Dennis Moore takes over at nose guard. Linebackers Claude Sanders and freshman Arthur Griffin are steady. Fred Ford and Xavier Redmond are top performers in the secondary. Jimmy Crawford is the punter and Herman Granderson the place-kicker.

PRAIRIE VIEW

(0-11) Coach Ron Beard needs a miracle to stave off a fifth straight winless season. The Panthers return nine regulars from the team that was outscored 508-100, including four losses by at least 50 points. Tight end Eric Wilson, who had nine catches for 99 yards and scored one of his team's 14 touchdowns, could improve on those numbers if Beard can find a capable passer and dependable blockers. David McPherson and Maurice McGowan are on the line.

Linebacker Otis Myles, lineman James Jones, and cornerback Stuart Pearson are being counted on to shore up a leaky unit that allowed an alarming 474.5 yards per game. The Panthers' bid to survive a rigorous schedule will come early when they go on the road to face SWAC favorite Southern University on September 16. □

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COLORADO STATE

They're still buzzing in Ft. Collins after a 1994 season that saw Colorado State win its first-ever WAC title, play in the Holiday Bowl for the first time, finish with a 10-2 record and No. 14 national ranking, and, for icing on the cake, saw head coach Sonny Lubick stay in Colorado instead of pursuing the coaching job at the University of Miami.

There were more people at some of the Rams' scrimmages this spring than the team used to draw at regular season games during the slump years. The crowds were toasting not only the superlatives of '94 but also the possibilities of '95. With 13 starters back, including All-America free safety Greg Myers, the Rams are in position to make it two titles in a row.

The defense is the best returning unit in the WAC. After ranking 35th in the nation in total defense in 1994—anything in the top 50 is considered rare air for teams in the offense-minded WAC—seven starters are back, led by the multi-talented Myers, a first-team Football Writers All-America last fall and a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award. Besides anchoring the secondary, where he had three interceptions, Myers was also second in the WAC in punt returns (11.8).

Other key defenders include first-team all-WAC end Sean Moran (6-3, 254), the hero of last year's victory over Arizona with a 77-yard fumble return for a touchdown; linemen Kirk Bowman and Brady Smith, linebacker Garrett Sand, strong safety Scott

Lynch, and cornerback Ray Jackson, who helped save victories last year with key plays in the final moments against both New Mexico and Fresno State.

There are holes to fill on offense, particularly at quarterback with the departure of Anthony Hill. Junior college transfer Daren Wilkinson, who led Ricks Junior College to a 21-1 record the past two seasons, and Moses Moreno, who backed up Hill and played in three games in '94, emerged as the top contenders during spring practice. Fullback E.J. Watson, last season's rushing leader (665 yards and 9 TDs despite nursing injuries), is the top skill player back. Wide receiver Paul Turner, tight end Justin Shull, tackle Brandon Evans, and guard James Cregg are other returning starters.

Also back is Lubick. The coach's ties to Miami—where he served as an assistant to Dennis Erickson before taking over at CSU in 1992—made him an obvious attraction for the Hurricanes when Erickson left for the NFL at the end of last season. But Lubick, a native of the Rocky Mountains who grew up in Montana, told Miami he would not be available. He liked the way things were going where he was.

AIR FORCE

The Falcons come into 1995 riding one of the nation's biggest momentum waves. They won seven of their final eight games, the only setback a 42-30 defeat at Notre Dame. The unfortunate part was the Falcons

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lost their first three games of '94, a start that effectively put them out of the league championship race and bowl consideration. They were history before September was. This year offers a chance for redemption—or another September swoon. The Falcons host BYU, Wyoming, and Colorado State to start the season. Their three biggest WAC rivals, all in a row, all in Colorado Springs.

Offensively the Falcons are in good shape with six returning starters. At the head of the class is quarterback Beau Morgan, a strong runner/passers whose abilities have been compared with those of Dee Dowis, the much-decorated Air Force quarterback who last played in '89 and this season joins the coaching staff. Morgan is a key to coach Fisher DeBerry's double-wingback offense, as is halfback Jake Campbell, a 5-7, 175-pound senior with maybe one percent body fat and a touchdown-per-start ratio in '94.

Danta Johnson, a two-year letterman and a long jumper on the track team, looks to be the other halfback. The fullback is

expected to be Nakia Addison, who rushed for 565 yards a year ago despite not starting. Wideout Richie Marsh, who led the team a year ago with 21 receptions, and tight end Alex Pupich return, as do Carlton Hendrix and first-team all-WAC guard Bret Cillessen. Second-team all-WAC strong safety LeRon Hudgins rejoins Kelvin King, who will move from free safety to strong corner, linebacker Brian McCray, and Mark DeRock, who will move from nose guard to outside linebacker.

After two seasons of no bowl appearances, the Falcons are in good shape to resume the pace that saw them go to nine bowl games in 11 seasons (1982-92).

BRIGHAM YOUNG

The Cougars open the season at Air Force, and history will be made when the first junior college transfer of the LaVell Edwards era starts at quarterback. Steve Sarkisian last

GREG MYERS
Colorado State



played for El Camino College. He transferred to BYU in time for spring practice, where he emerged ahead of Brian Vye as the successor to John Walsh. Walsh himself made history by becoming the first decorated Cougar quarterback to leave school early, going where neither Gifford Nielsen nor Marc Wilson nor Jim McMahon nor Steve Young nor Robbie Bosco nor Ty Detmer had gone before him: to the NFL after his junior year.

Walsh left the team on a high after a 10-3 season that included the school's first bowl victory in six years (a 31-6 thrashing of Oklahoma in the Copper Bowl). Other key Cougars to depart were tailback Jamal Willis (1,042 yards), wideouts Bryce Doman and Tim Nowatzke, and four offensive linemen. Such high-profile losses leave the unmistakable impression that the Cougars are rebuilding. Just nine starters are back. Still, the new personnel suggests that the Cougars might be where they've been for the 23 years since Edwards has been coaching them—in the thick of the WAC race.

The defense features twins John and Stan Raass. John is a 300-pound tackle and Stan is a 260-pound linebacker. Tackle Mike Ulufale and middle linebacker Shay Muir-

brook are two more candidates on the defense. If there's a problem, it's in the usual place—on the corners.

Offensively, senior fullback Hema Heimuli will be joined in the backfield by Mark Atuaia, Willis's replacement at tailback. Chad Lewis and Itula Mili are good enough to start, so very often they both will in a double tight end set. At the wideouts, Mike Johnston is the leading returnee. The line is short on experience but long on practice time. All projected starters but one are seniors: center Morris Unutoa, guards Elias Faupula and Will Knight, and tackle James Johnson, with Matt Meservey opposite him.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Sixteen starters, a WAC high, return as Ted Tollner moves into his second season as coach. The Tollner era began with a 4-7 overall and 2-6 league mark that wasn't as bad as those figures suggest. Of the seven losses, four were by a touchdown or less, and that included just a two-point loss to wac champion Colorado State and a seven-point defeat at Brigham Young.

Leading the returnees is junior quarterback Billy Blanton, who took over halfway through the '94 season when Tim Gutierrez was injured. Blanton completed 63 percent of his passes for 1,586 yards and 15 touchdowns and just six interceptions. That worked out to a pass efficiency rating of 158.8, the highest in the WAC, although he was not eligible for the statistical title because he did not play in enough games.

Blanton will have a mostly intact line in front of him, including right tackle Kyle Turley, guards Chris Finch and Matt Roe, and center Eric Petersen, and he'll be joined at the skill positions by tight end Zach Smith, multi-purpose back Ray Peterson, and 1994 WAC Freshman of the Year Will Blackwell (51 catches-689 yards-6 TDs). Leading rusher Wayne Pittman and leading receiver Curtis Shearer must be replaced. The Aztecs still plan to use the one-back, no-huddle offense that Tollner, who oversaw the same system while with the Buffalo Bills, installed a year ago.

As for the defense, the picture looks healthy enough with 18 players back from last year's 22 on the two-deep. Two first team all-WAC selections, tackle La'Roi Glover and free safety Ricky Parker, lead the way. Tackle Doug Tom is also returns, along with linebackers Craigus Thompson and Dwight Chornumud and backs Jason Moore and Julius McChristian. However, the Aztecs must improve on the 31 points and 443 yards per opponent they yielded in '94.

As usual, the Aztecs are looking at a tough September. They host California to open the season and then play at Oklahoma and at BYU. The WAC schedule calls for them to skip Air Force this season, and that can't be all bad considering they are 4-11 against the Falcons.

FRESNO STATE

Head coach Jim Sweeney entered spring drills 25 pounds lighter and looking leaner and meaner than ever. After a series of physical ailments the preceding year that required neck and back surgery, the coach, who turned 65 in the offseason, was back.

And so, it appears, are his Bulldogs.

After a season of uncommon mediocrity (their 5-7-1 was the first below-.500 mark under Sweeney since 1983 and the first time in their three WAC seasons they'd placed lower than first), they brought in a number of JC transfers, and competition for positions was keen enough to spill over into the fall.

The quarterback will either be last year's No. 1, Richie Donati, or Jeff Arellanes, a sophomore JC transfer. The offense, despite only two linemen returning, looks loaded. Particularly in the backfield. Not only do Jerome Oliver, last year's phenom who became only the fifth Bulldog in history to run for more than 1,000 yards (1,106, 8 TDs), and 220-pound fullback Reggie Brown, the short-yardage specialist (15 TDs), return, but so does tailback Michael Pittman. He played just two and a half games last season before an injury at Washington State ended his year. It was that injury that gave Oliver his chance, but Fresno still sees Pittman as a back with the kind of talent that could keep Oliver on the bench, at least part-time.

Charlie Jones is an All-America candidate at wide receiver. Junior Brian Robertson's 50 catches were just four behind Jones. In short, Fresno fully anticipates its offense can return to the Trent Dilfer glory days. If anyone's forgotten, that was the year before last.

Defensively, the Bulldogs may not lead the country in anything, but they should be improved over a year ago, when rookies abounded and opponents lit them up for an average of 255 passing yards per game. Sweeney will go to a four-man set to solidify the line. Anchors of the unit include strong safety Omar Stoutmire and linebackers Steve Casner and Gene Smith.

WYOMING

How's this for treading water? After four years under coach Joe Tiller, the Cowboys are 23-23-1 overall and 15-16-1 in the WAC, and last year they finished 6-6 overall and 4-4 in the league. It wouldn't be unrealistic to believe that the Cowboys, who return 14 starters, are in for more of the same.

The return of their starting receivers—big-play specialist Marcus Harris (71 catches, 10 TDs), wideout Brent Tillman (56 catches), and tight end Jeremy Gilstrap—is decidedly a plus. As a sophomore, Harris led the nation with 119.2 receiving yards per game in '94. Another positive is the return of four starting offensive linemen (tackles Jason Bartlett and Steve Scifres and guards Jay Korth and Shane Glasser).

But it will be difficult to find replacements for quarterback John Gustin and running backs Ryan Christopherson, who left as the school's all-time rushing leader, and running mate Terry Hendricks. JC transfer Jermaine McDowell will be counted on to fill the rushing void, along with redshirt freshmen Josh Amundson and Michael Coats. At quarterback, the heir apparent is redshirt juco transfer Josh Wallwork, who got a chance to observe Wyoming's system last year from the sidelines. Behind Wallwork is Jeremy Dombek, who backed up Gustin, and JC transfer John Davis, due to report in the fall.

Defensively the Cowboys are solid at linebacker with Mark Brook, Tim Talich, and Jason Holanda. But there are holes to fill on

the line, where three-year letterman Joe Cummings is the lone returnee, and in the backfield, where three starters return but may not wind up getting their old jobs back. Not satisfied with last year's progress, Tiller hired three new coaches in the offseason, with an emphasis on shoring up the pass defense. Former running back Je'Ney Jackson has been moved to the secondary and could wind up starting on one corner.

The kicking game is in good shape, with all-WAC punter Brian Gragert.

UTAH

The Utes are merely coming off the winningest season in their 102-year football history. The 10-2 record marked the most victories ever, the final poll rankings of 10th in AP and eighth in *USA Today/CNN* were the school's first-ever top-10 finishes, and the 16-13 defeat of Arizona in the Freedom Bowl gave Utah its first bowl win in more

than 30 years. That's the good news. The 1993 Freedom Bowl against USC, Henry Lusk will play slotback, tight end—and everywhere else he wants. He is scheduled to return punts and kickoffs as well, along with soph Cal Beck, last year's designated hero who's lengthy late-in-the-game kickoff returns against BYU and Arizona set up touchdowns that (1) got Utah into the Freedom Bowl and (2) won the Freedom Bowl.

Junior Brandon Jones, a veteran of all of six career pass attempts, emerged as the No. 1 quarterback during spring drills, but not far ahead of redshirt junior Mike Fouts, Dan's son. The top back should be sophomore Juan Johnson, who averaged more than five yards per carry in '94 between injuries. The only offensive starters back are tackle Chris Rae and tight end Rick Tucker. On defense, the four regulars returning include the Kaufusi brothers, tackle Henry and end Jeff, and backs Jeff Kirkman and Lusk. Place-kicker Dan Pulsipher is back.

CHRIS FINCH
San Diego
State



than 30 years. That's the good news.

The not-so-good news:

- Six starters return, just two on the offense that ranked fourth in the nation in scoring.
- Quarterback Mike McCoy, wideouts Deron Claiborne and Curtis Marsh, and running back Charlie Brown must be replaced—along with their 6,000-plus yards of offense.
- All-America tackle Luther Elliss and sack specialist Bronzell Miller are gone.
- The schedule includes openers against Oregon and Stanford and a finale at BYU.

"We have a lot of new faces," said head coach Ron McBride, who has guided the Utes to three straight bowl appearances and at least six victories in each of the last four seasons. "We have to find out everything about this team."

On either side of the ball, the biggest plus is a guy named Lusk. Free safety Harold Lusk, fresh from a sophomore season that included the game-clinching touchdown on a 100-yard interception return against Colorado State and a nine-tackle, one-interception bowl performance against Arizona, represents the heart of the defense. His offensive counterpart is his brother Henry, who broke a shoulder blade in fall workouts and had to miss what would have been his senior season. The MVP at

NEW MEXICO

Ticket sales continue to escalate in Albuquerque as the Dennis Franchione era moves into its fourth season. School officials hope to sell 16,500 season tickets for the 31,218-seat University Stadium, a 200 percent increase from the 5,416 sold in 1993.

The reason for such optimism? Franchione's three-year record of 14-20. Fourteen victories in three years may not be cause for celebration in some football outposts, but compared with the 13-58 record the Lobos had amassed in the six years before Franchione took over, things are looking positively sunny in New Mexico. Besides, a season ticket this year means you've pretty much taken care of your fall social schedule. For only the third time in school history, the Lobos will play seven games at home, including the first four.

Franchione has 13 starters back, and 14 if you count end Buddy Billingsley, the best defender on the team last fall until he was sidelined by injury. Still, there's an overall lack of experience, with just 11 seniors.

Stoney Case's graduation left a void at quarterback. Scott Peterson is No. 1 moving into fall drills and will be challenged by JC transfer Donald Sellers. Whoever takes the snaps will hand off often to Winslow Oliver,

who enters his senior season fourth on the Lobo rushing list (2,417 yards). If the 5-8, 173-pound Winslow can stay healthy (he's missed nine games in his career because of injuries), he could challenge Mike Williams's school rushing record of 3,862 yards. Fullback Chris Shelton is also back, as are tight end Chris Griffin, tackles Ryan Mummert and Matt Tyner, center Brandon Turner, and guard Calvin Allen (6-7, 385).

The returning defensive regulars include linemen John Wingate and Brett Lucksinger, linebackers Blake Irwin, Daniel Johnson, and Roston Thomas, who has started each of the 33 games he's played, and backs Terrence Sharper and Art Celestine. Of this group only Irwin, Thomas, and Sharper practiced in the spring, while the rest recovered from injuries or off season surgery.

HAWAII

Talk about restless natives. Schools traveling to Oahu should be forewarned: Hawaii isn't exactly taking last year's fall from grace lying down. Head coach Bob Wagner has brought on three new assistants in an effort to rebound from an 0-8 WAC record.

The only plus from '94 was the 3-0-1 mark outside the conference, a record that included victories over Rose Bowl-bound Oregon and at California. It was a strange season. The Rainbow Warriors could argue that they won the Pac-10 the same year they brought up the rear in the WAC.

Otherwise, everything that could go wrong pretty much did. The Warriors led the WAC in nothing except turnovers (40) as four different quarterbacks were tried behind a whole gang of linemen. Spring was spirited, as quarterbacks Glenn Freitas, Jon Hao, Rodney Glover, and Johnny Macon battled for the starting job. Tupu Alualu, last year's leading rusher, is the most solid returning starter. He rejoins slotback Phil Cunningham. Wideouts Clint Kuboyama and Brannon Kennedy, who combined for 50 catches in '94, are back, with Matthew Harding, a receiver/special-teams ace.

A defense that was solid if not spectacular returns six starters, led by tackles George Noga and Rod York. Jeff Bredy is at one linebacker position and should get help from Joe Shaw, a three-year letterman. In the backfield are Agenhart Ellis, Jason Ross, and Demitrius Henderson. Carlton Oswald is back as place-kicker, but he needs to rebound from a 7-of-12 season.

UTEP

Optimism may not reign eternal in El Paso, but it never completely vanishes. Maybe the Miners did finish at 3-7-1, but it was better than 1993's 1-11. Under coach Charlie Bailey, who took over partway through '93, things are moving in the right direction. Also encouraging (well, sort of) was the fact that four of the seven losses were by a touchdown or less. The Miners might have had a winning record if not for a tendency to run out of gas, or confidence, or both, in the fourth quarter. Not surprisingly, the theme of Bailey's spring drills was mental toughness.

Good thing it wasn't physical toughness. The Miners had their share of setbacks in the spring. Senior tailback Toraino Singleton, the WAC's No. 2 rusher last fall, with 1,277 yards (second-highest single-season

total in UTEP history), broke his right arm and redshirt freshman quarterback John Rayborn, the projected starter, broke his wrist. A number of other running backs were injured and, to make practices even more difficult, redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Hickl was off pole-vaulting for the track team. That left Bailey with junior Leonard Lilja to take most of the spring's snaps.

Overall, nine starters return, along with two-time all-WAC kicker Marshall Young, who had a junior jinx in '94 when he made just nine of 17 field goals. Besides Singleton, around whom the pro-set offense will revolve, offensive regulars include fullback Terrance Johnson, tight end Jason Blair, guard Jesse Villarea, and split end Alvin Black. Defensive starters back are end Best Ihegborow, linebacker Michael Comer, whose 142 tackles led the WAC, cornerback Ray Lindholm, and free safety David Terrell.

The Miners will not play BYU this year. That can't be bad news since in the last 24 years, UTEP is 1-23 against the Cougars.

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BOISE STATE

You want loaded? Boise State will give you loaded. Nineteen starters, including two All-Americans and eight all-Big Sky selections, return from the team that went 13-2 a year ago, won the Big Sky title, and played for the national championship. Few programs in America have this much experience and firepower coming back. The Broncos, who will leave the Big Sky and Division I-AA at the end of this season, are in position for a memorable finish.

Not that it's much of a surprise around the league that this is Boise's year. This, after all, is the third year of coach Pokey Allen's tenure, and a new program typically matures by about the third season. The surprise is what happened last fall. After Allen's inaugural season (3-8 overall and 1-6 in the Big Sky), the '94 team wasn't expected to do much better. But the Broncos did just about everything but lose. Their only league defeat was by one point to Idaho State, and their only other defeat was by 28-14 in the I-AA title game to Youngstown State.

On the offense, only wideout Jarrett Hausske must be replaced. The backfield is intact, led by senior halfback K.C. Adams, a second-team All-America in his first year as a Bronco, when he accumulated 1,981 all-

purpose yards. At quarterback is junior Tony Hilde, who played with a separated right shoulder throughout the I-AA playoffs but will start the season healthy. Del Graven returns at fullback and Ryan Ikebe at wide receiver. The line is almost all seniors, including tight end Bernie Zimmerman, left tackle Keith Jeffery, guards Martez Benas and Alex Toyos, and center Paul Coffman. Toyos and Coffman were all-Big Sky first-teamers. Right tackle Jordan LePiane is the youngest of the group. He's a junior.

Senior cornerback Rashid Gayle leads the defense after a seven-interception effort in 1994, when he was named first-team All-America by The Sports Network and second-team by the Associated Press. DaWuan Miller returns at the other corner and Keith Walk-Green at free safety. The linebackers are Brian Smith and Vince Watson; the line includes tackles Sione Fifta and Travis Thompson and end Matt Weston. Of the three departed regulars, the hardest to replace will be right end Joe O'Brien, the 1994 Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year. Place-kicker Greg Erickson, second-team All-Big Sky in '94, also returns.

IDAHO

The Vandals will break in new coach Chris Tormey in their final Big Sky season. The 39-year-old Tormey replaces John L. Smith, who moved on to Utah State after guiding Idaho to yet another winning season (9-3 overall, 5-2 Big Sky) in 1994.

Smith did not leave a bare cupboard, even if it doesn't include consensus All-America running back Sherriden May. Thirteen starters return, along with place-kicker Ryan Woolverton. There's no good reason to believe that the Vandals won't conclude their I-AA era with a playoff run, just as they have done in nine of the past 10 years.

There is some question regarding who will start at quarterback, but no one's complaining about it. It will be either sophomore Brian Brennan or senior Eric Hisaw, with heralded redshirt freshman Robert Scott also available. Hisaw was 1994's original starter and launched the team to a 5-0 start and himself to No. 2 in the national pass efficiency ratings until he went down with a knee injury. He played sparingly thereafter, leaving Brennan, a mere freshman, to take over. All he did was throw for 18 touchdowns and 1,765 yards to finish the season ranked third nationally in passing. Hisaw had winter knee surgery and sat out the spring.

Offensive starters returning include tight end Andy Gilroy, wide receiver Dwight McKinzie, and four linemen: first-team All-America tackle Jim Mills, center Eric Johnson, guard Mike Hughes, and tackle Spencer Folau. May's position is expected to be filled by Joel Thomas, who gained 653 yards and led the conference with 11 rushing touchdowns last fall despite not starting.

The strength of the defense is on the line, where end Ryan Phillips, a second-team All-America, returns after setting school records with 13.5 sacks and 28.5 tackles for loss a year ago. Dan Zeamer, Tim Wilson, and Barry Mitchell rejoin him on the line. At linebacker, all three 1994 starters are gone but two players who started in '93, Jason Shelt and Avery Slaughter, are back. In the secondary are Montrell Williams, Derrick

Dedeaux, Arnold Gunn, and Jason O'Neil. Williams, who began as a wide receiver and also was a running back, was moved from cornerback to strong safety in the spring.

In Tormey, the Vandals got one of their own. He was a three-year starter at line-backer for Idaho through 1977 and coached on Dennis Erickson's Vandal staff in 1982-83 before moving on to the University of Washington, where he remained until Idaho called him back to Moscow.

MONTANA

The Grizzlies are not without their significant losses. Tailback Damon Boddie (6.4-yard average) is gone. Scott Gurnsey and Shalon Baker, the two leading receivers in Montana school history, have also departed, and they not only took with them more than 5,000 receiving yards, but their punting and punt-return skills as well. Gone, too, is Scott Gragg, the All-America offensive tackle who was the 54th player taken in the NFL draft, by the New York Giants. In short, many of the big cogs in a machine that went 11-3



and finished No. 4 in the country last season have signed pro contracts (Gurnsey, Baker, and Boddie all made deals with CFL teams).

But (and this is a big but) there is one cog who didn't run out of eligibility. Dave Dickenson is back for his senior season at quarterback, and for that reason alone Montana should still be considered armed and dangerous. Dickenson used the 1994 season to prove that his '93 season, when he was named the Big Sky's Offensive Player of the Year, was no fluke. Not only was he player of the year once again, but he ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing efficiency (164.5—well ahead of Steve McNair), No. 2 in total offense (345.33 yards per game), and No. 3 in the Walter Payton Trophy balloting.

This season, as Montana rebuilds, Dickenson must be considered an odds-on favorite in the Payton race. At that, he will not be without help. Four offensive linemen—center David Kempfert, guards Mike Agee and Jeff Zellick, and tackle Eric Simonson—are returning starters, and each gained at least honorable mention honors on the 1994 all-Big Sky team. Other returning regulars are receivers Matt Wells and Mike Erhardt. Kelly Stensrud, a three-year letterman, figures to take over as running back, and the Grizzlies could get immediate pass-receiving help from Raul Pacheco and Eleu Kane,

promising redshirt freshmen from Honolulu.

The defense returns four starters, including linemen Brian Toone, Yohanse Manzanarez, and Marty Duffin, and free safety Blaine McElmurry. Place-kicker Andy Larson is also back.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

After setting 10 school records and leading the Lumberjacks into the national rankings a year ago, quarterback Jeff Lewis heads a list of 12 returning starters.

"We've gotten our program on stable ground with back-to-back 7-4 seasons," said coach Steve Axman. "Now we'd like to see ourselves where we're one of those teams that year-in and year-out is competing for the Big Sky championship."

Axman's Lumberjacks finished the season ranked 25th in the polls. The fact that Lewis, who passed for 3,355 yards and 26 touchdowns, is back along with a mostly intact offense gives NAU hopes for more of the same this season. Lewis will have receivers Alex Calderwood, Rod Marshall,



and Jesus Reyes to throw to, as well as tight end Mason Hess and Z-back Chris Warner. Along the line are familiar faces in Dan Finn, Ryan Lingenfelder, Bill Sowders, and Art McDonald. The back in the one-back system will be Brian Galbreath, the most consistent runner the past two seasons although a non-starter. Behind him is freshman redshirt Jay Carter, the back of the future.

Defensively, NAU has more holes to fill. But the five returning starters are spread out liberally among the unit, with Kevin Kolkman and Ben Petrucci on the interior line, Stacey Ellis at inside linebacker, and Dereck Williams and Rayna Stewart, a first-team all-Big Sky cornerback, in the backfield. Punter/place-kicker Kevin O'Leary, who ranked third nationally in punting in 1994 with a 42-yard average, returns as well.

A number of recruits could step in and help immediately, including offensive lineman Paul Yermin from Nevada, and defensive lineman Josh Mello, a transfer from Palomar Junior College. In a scheduling plus, the 'Jacks host Big Sky powerhouses Idaho and Montana. They start the season tough, opening at New Mexico, against whom they have a 3-19 record.

WEBER STATE

Having survived their season on the brink, the Wildcats move into 1995 with a brighter hope for the future in more ways than one. Football was almost history a year ago, when the administration decided that either attendance and support would increase or it would shut down the operation. A strong grassroots campaign led by coach Dave Arslanian generated enough support and a great enough rise in attendance (the season average of 12,821 was nearly 8,000 a game higher than the season before) that the green light was given to stay in business.

The tumult took its toll. A number of players jumped off the tottering ship before last season even began. The biggest losses were quarterback Brad Otten, who wound up starting some games at USC when Rob Johnson got hurt, and all-Big Sky running back Markeith Ross, who redshirted at San Diego State. As the Wildcats plowed through a 5-6 record (4-1 at home) they never did find a replacement for Ross, and running back remains a priority. They were successful at quarterback, however. Bryan Martin, a junior, stepped in and threw for 2,799 yards (19 TDs and 5 interceptions). His pass efficiency rating of 144.5 was 14th in the nation.

Martin rejoins a host of returning starters, including Kyle Stephens, Chris Wise, and Roy Charles on the line. At the skill positions, running back Larry Rogers and wide receivers Pokey Eckford and Joel Pelagio-Williams are the incumbents. Defensively, cornerback Ian Franklin, strong safety Junior Baker, linebackers Jacob Belmont and Quincy Hall, and linemen Jason Jensen and Tom Smith return. Among the recruits is Steve Bodnar, the leading rusher from Mater Dei High School, the 1994 California champions and the top-ranked team in America.

The season begins with road games at Western Michigan and Central Michigan, a pair of I-A schools offering decent paydays. Weber is still in business, and still trying to balance the books.

IDAHO STATE

After recording its first winning season in 11 years, Idaho State starts 1994 bolstered with optimism. Not only did last fall's 6-5 mark end a decade of below-.500 frustration, it featured victories over Montana and Boise State, teams that went to the semifinals and the finals of the I-AA playoffs, respectively.

Coach Brian McNeely's fourth season could be his best yet. Thirteen starters and the kickers are back. A key will be the health of tailback Alfredo Anderson, who is coming off an injury-plagued season. As a freshman, Anderson set an ISU record rushing record with 1,159 yards. Last year he managed 791 yards between injuries. He's the heart of an offense that's quarterbacked by Robb Wetta, who started all 11 games a year ago as a true freshman. Also back are wide receivers Kirk Clifford, Troy Waters, and Justin Young, lineman Shaun Lawson, who will move from guard to center, and tackle Steve Burch.

Sack masters Josh Hays and Brian Getz head the defense. Hays, an end, recorded 16.5 sacks in 1994 to lead the nation. Five of them came in ISU's 32-31 victory over Boise

State. Getz made a team-high 116 tackles from his inside linebacker position, including 14 tackles for loss. Rejoining them are linebackers Ike Johnson, Jarmaine Johns, and Mark Fisher, tackle Alipate Taulupe, and defensive backs Brion Bethel and Marcus Jackson. Another key defender should be free safety Mark Echo Hawk, back from a redshirt season.

Place-kickers James Ferrell and Eric Lenoci and punter Thomas Washington all saw action last year. The Bengals are still lacking in depth, and with just 13 seniors on the roster, they aren't the most experienced team in the Big Sky.

MONTANA STATE

After a promising 7-4 record in 1993, Montana State saw its fortunes dip with a 3-8 effort that included an 0-7 mark in the Big Sky. The Bobcats return 14 starters in coach Cliff Hysell's fourth year.

At quarterback, Jeff Tuss, a 25-year-old transfer from Fresno State, emerged from a crowd that included redshirt freshman Rob Compson and letterman Todd Buchanan. He'll be No. 1 in the fall. At tailback, JC transfers Charles Ephraim and Terrence Crump and letterman Matt Engelking waged such a spirited competition that they moved as a group into August two-a-days. Fullback T.T. Ryan, a superb blocking back, and Eric Hopkins, who had 964 receiving yards and 1,578 all-purpose yards a year ago, lead the offense. The unit also includes wideout Marc Bragg, tight end Scott Harry, and linemen Jason Westbrook, J.C. Murray, Brawn Lausen, and Rob Brandland. Along the line, only right tackle is without an incumbent.

The defensive line is back intact, with ends Jason Hicks and Devlan Geddes and tackles Dallen Bjerkness and Mike Nye. They rejoin strong safety Scott Matthews and free safety Mark Grimmer. The 'Cats must regroup elsewhere on the unit. Linebacker Rodney Ellis and cornerback Omar Turner have the most experience in those areas. Overall, it's on defense where the Bobcats need to regroup. They were last in the league in total defense, giving up 436.6 yards per game.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Just nine starters return for the second year of the Mike Kramer era, including seven on offense. Sophomores Brian Sherick and Harry Leons and redshirt freshman Josh Lies began a spirited battle for the quarterback job in spring practice that should continue through the summer.

All-Big Sky tight end Jesse Hardt is back after catching 47 passes for 541 yards. Receivers Jerrold Jackson and Tobin Phelps also return, as do running back David Lewis and offensive linemen Aaron Barfield, Kevin Peterson, and second-team all-Big Sky tom Ackerman. Defensively, the two returnees are Dion Alexander, a linebacker who was all-conference two years ago, and Ryan Moore in the secondary.

Kramer recruited 10 junior college transfers, the largest contingent in school history, and all but one of them—defensive back Aaron Woods—participated in spring workouts. Among those making a good first impression was wide receiver Antwan Miller of Walla Walla C.C. □



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SOUTHERN CAL

There aren't many big names, except for wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, but there's more quality and depth than the Trojans have had in several years. And coming off back-to-back, eight-win seasons, coach John Robinson may be on the verge of something really big. His 1994 squad, which was 8-3-1 overall and 6-2 and tied for second in the Pac-10, closed with a flourish, beating Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl, 55-14. The 1995 recruiting class is regarded as the best in the conference and one of the best in the nation.

Robinson thinks competition at many positions could make the Trojans blossom quickly. Typical is the quarterback spot, where he likes both junior Brad Otton and senior Kyle Wachholtz as worthy replacements for Rob Johnson, USC's career passing leader. Robinson plans to go to a two-back offense rather than the previous tailback-fullback set, and there are plenty of contenders for the two spots. Junior Shawn Walters, the leading rusher in each of the

last two seasons (976 yards in '94), is the No. 1 man, with seniors Terry Barnum and Leonard Green and sophomores Delon Washington and Rodney Sermons.

Keyshawn Johnson looks like an All-America after a junior season in which he caught 66 passes for 1,362 yards and nine TDs and was second nationally in receiving yards (123.8 per game). Edward Hervey and Ken Grace are gone at the other wide-out, where quick but inexperienced sophomores Larry Parker and Anthony Volsan head the list. Tight end features seniors Johnny McWilliams and Tyler Cashman, who shared time as starters.

Two-time All-America Tony Boselli leaves a virtually unfillable hole in the offensive line, but the front still could be outstanding, with seniors Norberto Garrido at tackle and Jeremy Hogue at center and sophomore Chris Brymer at guard joined by senior John Michels at tackle and sophomore Phalen Pounds or seniors Kyle Ramsay and Robert Loya at guard.

Six defensive regulars return, but Robinson will go with a different front (two ends and three tackles) to try for more pressure at the line of scrimmage. Steady junior Matt

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Keneley and sophomore Darrell Russell should work inside with 6-4, 310-pound middle man Stuart Gage, with seniors Israel Ifeanyi and Marcus Bonds or junior Willie Lowery outside.

The chief defensive questions are at line-backer, where four regulars, including top tackler Jeff Kopp, departed. The key man is senior Errick Herrin, an ex-Marine who'll step in for Kopp. The other starter should be senior Scott Fields, a former tailback and safety. Prep All-Americans Mark Cusano and Marvin Powell III, who father was a USC All-America, arrive in the fall.

The secondary is bristling with talent, headed by cornerbacks Mario Bradley and Brian Kelly and safeties Sammy Knight and Micah Phillips, all full- or part-time starters in '94. Senior Jesse Davis and junior Quincy Harrison will try to win jobs, too, and prep All-Americans Daylon McCutcheon, son of ex-Ram star Lawrence McCutcheon, Mike

Bastianelli, and Rashard Cook could make an immediate impact.

Punter John Stonehouse, whose 44.1-yard average was eighth-best in the nation, is another All-America candidate. Topnotch place-kicker Cole Ford is gone, but coming in is redshirt freshman Adam Abrams, a 1993 prep All-America.

UCLA

The Bruins hit a horrendous stretch in the middle of last season, losing six straight games. But they finished with three victories in a row, including a fourth consecutive one over cross-town rival USC, to wind up 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the Pac-10. Coach Terry Donahue believes he has things back on track. He can call on 17 returning starters, and 30 players who started at least one game in '94, including three All-Americans: wide receiver Kevin Jordan, outside linebacker Donnie Edwards, and offensive tackle Jonathan Ogden.

Things look good offensively, if Donahue can find a quarterback to take over for Wayne Cook. Junior Ryan Fien and senior Rob Walker are the main candidates. All-star J.J. Stokes has departed, but there's still a terrific target in senior flanker Jordan, who had 73 catches for 1,228 yards, shattering Stokes's record for receiving yardage. Opposite Jordan is either senior Avery Anderson or sophomore Eric Scott.

Three of the Bruins' top four rushers, juniors Sharmon Shah and Skip Hicks and senior James Milliner, return at tailback. Shah (1,227 yards) has developed into one of the nation's top tailbacks. Soph Greg Ford, who missed spring drills while recovering from back problems, and redshirt freshman Jarvis Watson will vie at fullback.

The offensive line is a strength, with all five regulars back. Brian Richards will be at tight end, with senior classmate Ogden (6-8, 315), who is a leading candidate for the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award, and sophomore Chad Overhauser at tackle, seniors James Christensen and Matt Soensen at guard, and senior Mike Flanagan, an all-Pac-10 pick, at center. Sophomore Josh Eby should work in double-tight-end situations with Richards.

Much of the Bruins' success will depend on the consistency of junior place-kicker Bjorn Merten, a consensus All-America as a freshman whose production dropped off badly during the team's rough stretch last fall. Long-time punter Darren Schager is gone, with redshirt junior Justin Sogioian likely to replace him.

Donahue looks for major improvement on defense from a group of youngsters who had to learn, often painfully, on the job in '94. Seniors George Kase, who tied for the team lead in tackles among linemen, Grady Stretz, and Gary Walton and junior Travis Kirschke are the top players up front. Edwards, who had 106 tackles overall and a league-leading 21 for losses, and junior Phillip Ward should be one of the country's best outside-linebacking duos, with pass-rush specialist Tim Waddleton behind them. But there's inexperience at inside linebacker, where the front-runners are sophomores Jeff Ruckman and Brian Willmer. Three full-time starters are back in the secondary: senior cornerback Teddy Lawrence

and junior safeties Abdul McCullough, who was second on the team with 87 tackles, and Paul Guidry. The other corner likely will be soph Javelin Guidry, Paul's younger brother, or junior Andy Colbert.

The Bruins' schedule is no bargain. They'll play six teams that were in bowl games, including Miami at the Rose Bowl and Brigham Young on the road. But they should be better equipped for the challenge than they were last season.

OREGON

There was magic in the 1994 season for the Ducks, who won eight of their last nine games, several of them in dramatic fashion, to go 9-4 overall and 7-1 in the Pac-10, which gave them their first-ever outright conference championship. But following a 38-20 loss to Penn State in the Rose Bowl, veteran coach Rich Brooks, who'd spent 18 seasons in Eugene, left for the St. Louis Rams, leaving the team to Mike Bellotti, the offensive coordinator.

Bellotti won't change a lot, and he has 15 starters from the Pac-10's surprise team. But it remains to be seen if his squad can sustain the chemistry, particularly on offense, that it had in '94 with Brooks and now-departed quarterback Danny O'Neil. The Ducks were outstanding inside the opponents' 20-yard line in a six-game winning streak to close the season, but they finished ninth in the conference in total offense.

O'Neil's mantle will pass to mobile junior Tony Graziani, who directed an impressive victory over USC when O'Neil was sidelined. He won't want for weapons. They include all-purpose running back Ricky Whittle (606 yards rushing), who split time with Dino Philyaw; top receivers Cristin McLemore and Dameron Ricketts, each of whom caught 42 passes for more than 500 yards; and a line that returns five players who started at least eight games.

Promising redshirt freshman Kevin Parker will back Whittle, with Pulou Malepeai and former tailback Marcel Stewart replacing Dwayne Jones at fullback. Talented sophomore Pat Johnson, whose 30 catches set a frosh school record, will play a lot at wide receiver, with junior Josh Wilcox, who caught 11 passes in the Rose Bowl, at tight end. The only senior in the line, which loses tackle Steve Hardin, is guard Eric Reid, but there's plenty of other experience in whopping junior tackles Paul Wiggins and Willy Rife, 340-pound junior guard Tasi Malepeai, and sophomore center Mark Gregg.

The defense, which relished its nickname of "Gang Green," needs to replace three starters in the secondary, including first-team All-Americans Herman O'Berry at one corner and Chad Cota at safety, and find some quality depth up front, where Mark Slymen and Silila Malepeai are gone. The secondary will be rebuilt around all-league cornerback Alex Molden, a senior with All-America aspirations, and corner Kenny Wheaton, who was the only frosh to gain all-conference honors. Senior Dante Lewis, an eight-game starter in 1993, and either Chad Williams or Jaiya Figueras should be the safeties, taking over for Cota and Jeff Sherman.

Senior Troy Bailey, who had 15 tackles for losses, is a steadying influence at defense

end, with junior Mark Schmidt opposite him and junior Bryant Jackson or sophomore Desmond Byrd at nose tackle. Inside linebackers Jeremy Asher and Rich Ruhl, who both finished with more than 100 tackles last fall, could be the best tandem in the Pac-10. The outside linebacking corps, led by senior Paul Jensen and juniors Reggie Jordan and Derrick Barnes, also figures to be productive.

The Ducks' schedule, which includes four bowl teams, looks formidable. But USC isn't among the opponents this time.

ARIZONA

The Wildcats, picked in the preseason as the No. 1 team in the country by one national magazine, weren't up to that billing, failing to make the Rose Bowl and losing to Utah in the Freedom Bowl. Still, they finished 8-4 overall, 6-2 and tied for second in the Pac-10, and were ranked 20th in the final polls. Expectations will be lower this season, but there's enough talent to aim for a fourth consecutive bowl appearance and sixth in the last seven years, and maybe even a New Year's Day visit to Pasadena. To get there, coach Dick Tomey needs to rebuild an offensive line that lost all six starters and to add more effective secondary play to a "Desert Swarm" defense that returns a strong nucleus.

The Wildcats' two best players, Tedy



Bruschi and Brandon Sanders, are on defense. Senior end Bruschi, a consensus All-America and Lombardi Trophy finalist, had 10 sacks and four fumble recoveries despite being double-teamed consistently. Senior strong safety Sanders, an all-Pac-10 pick, was called "one of the best players in the league" by Stanford's Bill Walsh.

Veteran tackles Chuck Osborne and Joe Salave'a again will work up front with Bruschi and either Chato Jackson or Jimmy Sprotte likely at the other end. Thomas Dumps, hampered last season by an ankle injury, and returning senior starter Charlie Camp are at linebacker, with speedy

Chester Burnett and Armon Williams or big Mike Szlauko, whose size compares favorably with that of departed all-conference pick Sean Harris, joining Camp inside. Sophomore Kelly Malveaux, who had five starts last fall, is pegged for one cornerback spot, with JC All-America Rashee Johnson, Derrick Stewart, Shawn Parnell, and Skeeter Harrington competing on the other corner, and backup Chuck Rich likely replacing Tony Bouie at free safety.

Offensively, the major dilemma is replacing line stalwarts Warner Smith, Paul Stamer, Joe Smigiel, Mu Tagoai, Pulu Poumele, and Hicham El-Mashtoub. Former starter Mani Ott should be at center. Willie Walker and David Watson are competing at tackle with transfers Ian McCutcheon and Ryan Turley. In the hunt at guard are Ken McClelland, Tyson Lingenfelter, Wayne Wyatt, and Jeff Malone. Tight ends Damon Terrell and Tim Thomas saw extensive action in '94.

Senior Dan White, a 57 percent passer who threw for 14 touchdowns, is the No. 1 quarterback, with Brady Batten and Ryan Hesson, both of whom are coming off shoulder surgery, behind him. White has a quality arm, but redshirt sophomore Batten is more physical and mobile. Thousand-yard rusher Ontiwan Carter will be missed at tailback. Junior Gary Taylor and sopho-

15) during the sanctions may have hurt the team's depth. And, maybe even worse, all-purpose back Napoleon Kaufman, who rushed for a school-record 4,041 career yards, has moved on to the pros.

Much more of the offensive load, according to coach Jim Lambright, will fall on 6-4 senior quarterback Damon Huard, who passed for 1,887 yards and 13 TDs as his team went 7-4 (4-4 and a fifth-place finish in the Pac-10). Huard, whose younger brother, Brock, a 6-5 freshman, joins the team, has a few familiar faces to work with. Senior fullback Richard Thomas (316 yards) and junior flanker Dave Janoski (14 catches for 215 yards) will also play more prominent roles. But the tailbacks, Leon Neal (210 yards) and Rashaan Shehee, are inexperienced, as are wide receivers Fred Coleman, Andre deSaussure, and Jerome Pathon. Tight end Ernie Conwell is more of a proven commodity, after backing up the valuable Mark Bruener, one of the Pac-10's best at that position in several seasons.

Tackle Andrew Peterson and center Frank Garcia are gone from the offensive line, but returning are seniors Trevor Highfield and Patrick Kesi at guard and Eric Battle at tackle. Junior Lynn Johnson is expected to replace Garcia, with Mostafa Sobhi, Tony Coats, and Bob Sapp bidding to fill in for Peterson.

Lambright thinks his Huskies will have a much stronger and deeper defensive line, with seniors Steve Hoffmann and Mike Ewaliko, junior David Richie, and sophomore Jason Chorak heading the way. Inside linebacker should be in fine shape with honors candidate Ink Aleaga, who has been working to improve his leg strength, joined by Jerry Jensen and John Fiala. Outside will be senior Deke Devers and maybe junior Ikaika Malloe, who is moving from free safety.

The secondary is minus cornerback Russell Hairston, but newcomers Jermaine Smith and Mel Miller may figure there, along with senior Reggie Reser, who Lambright thinks could have a great year. He led the team with four interceptions. Sophomore Tony Parrish may replace Lamar Lyons at rover. There's no question who's No. 1 at free safety. Junior Lawyer Milloy is probably the Huskies' top player. Big (6-2, 200) and active, Milloy led the team with 106 tackles. He has been compared by Lambright to former UCLA standout Kenny Easley.

Senior punter Geoff Prince averaged 37.2 yards and junior place-kicker John Wales was 18-for-25 on field goal attempts, hitting everything from inside 40 yards. Freshman Randy Jones has a strong leg and may find a spot, especially on kickoffs.

It's hard to tell how much the incentive of being in the bowl picture again will mean to a Husky team that needs to find a way to make up for the loss of Kaufman's 1,826 all-purpose yards and constant threat from scrimmage.

CALIFORNIA

The Bears repeatedly shot themselves in the foot last season, with 29 turnovers and numerous mistakes in the kicking game instrumental in a 4-7 record and 3-5 finish in the Pac-10. But coach Keith Gilbertson is hoping a switch from artificial turf to a new \$1.5 million grass field at Memorial Stadium

and a six-game home schedule will help turn things around. Sixteen returning starters won't hurt, either.

A major key is quarterback. The Bears began to nose-dive last fall after senior Dave Barr broke his collarbone. Now it's up to talented junior Pat Barnes, who'll be backed by senior southpaw Kerry McGonigal, to show he's ready for a starting role. Barnes will get plenty of help from a receiving corps led by senior Iheanyi Uwaezueke and junior Na'il Benjamin, who combined for 101 catches, 7 TDs, and 1,654 all-purpose yards in '94. The running back position needs to be more productive, although senior Reynard Rutherford was sixth in the Pac-10 with 713 yards. He'll be pushed by sophs Tarik Smith and Brandon Willis, with Johnny Tavake and redshirt freshman Rudy Mattox competing at fullback.

The offensive line isn't long on the glamour names it's often had in the past, but it seems to have more than adequate talent. Junior Sean Bullard and sophomore Tony Gonzalez, who also plays for the Cal basketball team, should be fine at tight end, with returning starters Todd Stewart, Frank Beede, and Ben Lynch the linchpins inside. Stewart will work at one tackle with Beede at a guard and Lynch at center. Converted defensive lineman Tarik Glenn, a massive (6-6, 335) junior, may be the other tackle, with senior Jeremy Becker likely at the other guard, where sophomore Drake Parker also will get a look.

Junior Ryan Longwell was inconsistent in his dual kicking role, although his punting average (40.8) was fourth-best in the conference. He may concentrate solely on punting this season, with strong-legged freshman Ignacio Brache, who had six field goals of 54 yards or longer in high school, as the place-kicker. The Bears have an extra weapon in punt returner Benjamin, whose 10.4-yard average topped the Pac-10 and was 15th nationally.

The Bears may have the best defensive front in the conference, with junior Regan Upshaw, an All-America candidate who some think is the best rusher in college football, sophomores Brandon Whiting and Andy Jacobs, and juniors Duane Clemons and Brent Jones. Upshaw has 18.5 sacks in his first two seasons; Whiting had 7.5 sacks in his rookie year. The linebacking corps is less sure, since Jerrott Willard, who led the team in tackles for four straight seasons, is gone. But Andre Rhodes, James Stallworth, and Maurice Johnson have experience. Sophomores Rhodes and Marlon McWilson could emerge as principal players in Gilbertson's defense.

Speed should be the hallmark of the secondary. Three cornerbacks, senior Jerod Cherry and juniors John Wayne Penton and Kevin Devine, all have 4.4 speed. Strong safety should be a battle between junior Charles Gillum and redshirt freshman Marquis Smith, with senior Dante DePaola, who can squat-press 600 pounds, or sophomore Jihad Akbar at free safety.

WASHINGTON STATE

Defense led the Cougars to an 8-4 season (5-3 and fourth place in the Pac-10) that closed with an Alamo Bowl victory over Baylor. But the heart of that defense, which was



PAT
BARNES
California

more Kevin Schmittke will get first call for his spot; Charles Myles is the probable fullback. Junior Richard Dice (56 receptions, league-high 9 TDs) heads a gifted receiving corps that also includes senior Cary Taylor, Jeff Chiasson, and newcomers Ron Holmes and Rodney Williams.

The schedule (three nonconference games followed by eight Pac-10 contests) doesn't look too demanding. And the 'Cats play USC, Oregon, and Washington in Tucson.

WASHINGTON

The Huskies are finally free of Pac-10 penalties after two seasons in limbo, but a reduced number of scholarships (from 25 to

second-best in the nation, is gone. Coach Mike Price will be minus eight starters from a unit that was dubbed the "Palouse Posse," including star linebackers Mark Fields, an NFL first-round draft choice, and Ron Childs; linemen DeWayne Patterson, Don Sasa, and Chad Eaton; and backs Torey Hunter, Signor Mobley, and John Rushing.

The Cougars' best defensive returnee, senior linebacker Chris Hayes, an All-America candidate, is trying to sound optimistic. "We are losing some major weapons," he said, "but our team speed is impressive." The chief questions are in the defensive line, where only senior end Dwayne Sanders returns. He joins senior Robert Booth and maybe junior Leon Bender and touted JC transfer Da'vid Evans or big freshman Darryl Jones. Hayes, who was third on the team in tackles behind Childs and Fields, will move to weakside linebacker, with juniors James Darling and Johnny Nansen at the middle and strong spots.

Senior Brian Walker returns at one cornerback, with senior Greg Burns, a three-year starter who had to redshirt last fall following knee surgery, at the other corner, junior Ray Jackson shifting from corner to free safety, and junior Derek Henderson, who had a bad shoulder in the spring, at strong safety. Transfer Shad Hinchey and backup Ashanti Hayes should help the mix.

If the Cougars are to approach last season's showing, they'll probably have to do it mainly with an offense that was inconsistent in 1994 despite fine leadership from quarterback Chad Davis, who ranks with Arizona State's Jake Plummer as the Pac-10's best. Davis, the Alamo Bowl MVP, completed over 58 percent of his passes for 2,229 yards. He has most of his top receivers back, including wideouts Jay Dumas (41 catches for 402 yards), Chad Carpenter, and Bryant Thomas and tight ends Eric Moore (33-354) and David Knuff. But the Cougars need more production from senior running backs Frank Madu (494 yards) and Derek Sparks if they're to boost their scoring. Price also will take a long look at redshirt freshmen Jason Clayton and Kwame Stewart.

The offensive line lost three regulars but returns solid players in senior center Mark McCloskey and junior tackle Scott Sander-son, both of whom started every game last fall. McCloskey was honorable mention all-Pac-10. They may be joined by senior tackle John Scukanec and junior guards Jason McEndoo and Zack Edwards or converted defensive lineman Mike Sage.

The schedule is no bargain. The Cougars not only have to play at USC, Oregon, Cal, and Washington, but they have a September 30 date at Nebraska.

OREGON STATE

Little by little, Jerry Pettibone is coming closer to producing a winner in Corvallis. In four of their last seven games, the Beavers were driving late in the fourth quarter for the tying or go-ahead touchdown, but lost all four, and finished 4-7 overall and 2-6 and tied for last in the Pac-10. "I've never been through a season as a head coach where we were so close to winning so many games that we didn't win," Pettibone said.

For sure, the Beavers are no pushovers anymore. Pettibone is hoping to get more

proficient passing into his option attack this season and improve his kicking game with junior punter Doug Stuckey and inconsistent sophomore place-kicker Randy Lund. Stuckey, who averaged just 33.7 yards a kick last season, will be pushed by redshirt freshman Bret Hopkins, a prep All-America.

Pettibone has a pair of veteran quarterbacks in juniors Don Shanklin, who rushed for 63 yards a game but passed for just 56, and Rahim Muhammad. Leading rusher J.J. Young has graduated, but ex-quarterback Mark Olford has the talent to replace him, with returning backfield starters Cameron Reynolds and J.D. Stewart (499 yards). Shayzar Hawkins and Sedrick Thomas are behind them. Part-time regulars Chris Cross and Sylvester Green return at wide receiver, with seniors Justin Moore and Brad Barcroft, who shared time in '94, at tight end.

There's concern in the offensive line, where the top two centers, Johnny Feinga and Adam Thomas, are gone. JC transfer Jamie Critchlow is being counted on to fill in for them, with Tim Camp and Darin Borter, both seniors, at tackle and guard, joined by senior tackle Phil Lafler and 330-pound junior guard Brad Thompson.

There's experience across the line, where two seniors—nose guard Tom Holmes, one of the Pac-10's best, and end Davie Kiepke—and junior end Tony Huot, who came on well at the end of last season, return to their spots. Senior Clint Rust also has starting experience. The Beavers look solid at inside linebacker as well with senior Kane Rogers, whom Pettibone calls the heart and soul of the unit, and top reserve John Fairbank. But things aren't so set at outside linebacker, where untested lettermen Bryan Ludwick, Kelron Sykes, and Toalei Talataina will compete.

Pettibone thinks senior free safety Reggie Tongue, a three-year regular who returned three interceptions for touchdowns a year ago, may be the nation's best at his position. And freshman All-America Buster Elahee is back at left corner. The situation is less clear at the other corner and at strong safety, where four-year starters William Ephraim and Michael Hale are gone. Sophomore Larry Bumpus, another fast '94 finisher, is likely to take over for Hale, and Marc Williams for Ephraim.

The nonconference schedule doesn't have any big names, and in the Pac-10 the Beavers play USC, Washington, Arizona, and Oregon at home—and miss UCLA.

STANFORD

Tyrone Willingham will have his hands full in 1995. The ex-Minnesota Vikings assistant not only is succeeding football legend Bill Walsh as head coach, he's inheriting a team that was just 3-7-1 overall (2-6 in the Pac-10) and surrendered more than 400 yards and nearly 33 points a game. "As a team," the no-nonsense Willingham said, "we want to develop a physical approach: on defense, offense, and special teams."

He'll change the defense from a 3-4 to a 4-3, with senior Jason White and either sophomore Kailee Wong or junior Bryan Werner at the ends and seniors Pete Swanson, John Hebert, and Steve Frost or soph Willie Willis at the tackles. Brian Batson, who missed seven games with an injured fibula,

Nicodemus Watts, Jon Haskins, and Chris Draft are competing at outside linebacker, with senior Mike Hall and junior Justin Strand, who was sidelined by a knee injury in '94, ahead at inside linebacker.

Junior Leroy Pruitt, a 10-game starter, will be at one corner with senior Jami Webb likely at the other. Sophomore Kadar Hamilton, fourth on the team with 60 tackles, will vie with ex-cornerback Eliel Swinton and senior David Walker at strong safety. Junior Charles Young is the most experienced free safety, pushed perhaps by seniors John Henton and Josh Madsen.

Maybe of necessity, Willingham plans to emphasize the running game. Four-year quarterback Steve Stenstrom, who rewrote the Cardinal and Pac-10 record books, and wide receiver Justin Armour, the school's all-time leader in receiving yards, have graduated. No. 2 quarterback Scott Frost transferred to Nebraska, so that leaves little-used, fifth-year senior Mark Butterfield and junior Tim Carey, who has yet to play a down. They will have junior flanker Brian Manning, an All-America candidate who caught 46 passes for 899 yards, as well as senior Mark Harris as targets. There's more



depth at running back, with leading rusher Anthony Bookman (577 yards) returning for his second season, and junior Mike Mitchell, sidelined by an ankle injury for the final eight games, at halfback, and juniors Adam Salina and Greg Comella at fullback. Comella is coming off a knee injury.

JC All-America Derek Hubbard and Greg Clark will battle with junior backup Tommy Hanson at tight end. The interior offensive line looks in good shape, with three starters back, including second-team all-Pac-10 junior guard Brad Badger, senior tackle Jeff Buckley, and senior center T.J. Gaynor. Seniors Ken Loncar and Nathan Parks are candidates for the other tackle and senior Ryan Waters and sophomore Geoff Wilson for the other guard.

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Inconsistent Eric Abrams, who is No. 6 on the school's all-time scoring list, is back for his fourth season as the place-kicker. Sophomore Kevin Miller should take over the punting.

ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils (3-8 overall, 2-6 in the Pac-10) have to do something about their defense. They gave up 440.8 yards per game last fall, the most in school history and the highest total in the Pac-10, and 31.6 points. Coach Bruce Snyder has moved former secondary coach Phil Snow into the coordinator's role, and Snow should have more quality depth. But the numbers are still lacking, heading into a very tough schedule, and Snyder is happy he got a contract extension through 1999, to start getting things back on track.

The defensive line is inexperienced, with only juniors Shawn Swayda and Brent Burnstein game-tested. Others who should contribute are senior Mike Balian, who's had two knee surgeries in three years, backup Mike Stevens, quick redshirt sophomore Malchi Crawford, and former walk-on Mike Langridge. Only two line-backers, the oft-injured Justin Dragoo and senior classmate Sam Santana, have seen significant playing time, but sophomore Ty Wade and transfer Scott Von der Ahe, expect to contribute.

Senior Lee Cole, who had four starts in '94, is No. 1 at rover, and senior Harlen Rashada and sophomore Damien Richardson are the top candidates at what the Sun Devils calls the "gunner." Replacing cornerback Craig Newsome, one of the best at his position at ASU, is the top priority. In the hunt are senior Marcus Soward, junior Traivon Johnson, sophomore Jason Simmons, and redshirt freshman Lamont Morgan. The top candidates at free safety are sophomores Thomas Simmons and Darrell LeBlanc, but newcomer Mitchell Freedman is highly regarded.

Lance Anderson, who came on at the end of the season, finishing third in the Pac-10 with a 38.9-yard average, is back for his third season as punter. Sophomore Marcus Williams and JC transfer Robert Nycz will compete for the place-kicking job.

On offense, Snyder is looking for more efficiency, particularly on third downs. Junior Jake "The Snake" Plummer is the conference's top returning quarterback. He threw for 2,179 yards (15 TDs and just 9 interceptions). His favorite target, Clyde McCoy, has departed, but junior Keith Poole (31 for 669 yards) returns. Either big junior Isaiah Mustafa or redshirt sophomore Joe Robertson figures to fill McCoy's spot, with junior Steve Bush, a medical redshirt, at tight end. Senior tailback Chris Hopkins (680 yards) returns, with support from Terry Battle and Marlow Farlow; senior Ryan Wood and 244-pound redshirt freshman Jeff Paulk are at fullback.

There are no seniors in the offensive line, which is led by 6-8, 313-pound tackle Juan Roque, an honors candidate who played most of last fall at guard. Sophomore Glen Gable should replace DeMario Vaughn at the other tackle, with junior Pat Thompson and sophomore Kyle Murphy at guard and junior Kirk Robertson at center.

big west conference

predictions

big west conference

1. Nevada
2. Southwestern Louisiana
3. UNLV
4. Pacific
5. Northern Illinois
6. San Jose State
7. Utah State
8. New Mexico State
9. Louisiana Tech
10. Arkansas State

Expansion and contraction. That's the unlikely combination the Big West—one of the nation's most fluid conferences—is looking at over the next two seasons.

Expansion first: The Big West has added three football schools (Boise State, Idaho, and North Texas) for the 1996 season, when it will lose current conference members San Jose State and UNLV to the Western Athletic Conference. And Big West commissioner Dennis Farrell, who last spring said, "I'd be lying if I didn't say that 1994 was an extremely difficult year for us," now is saying, "I hope that we're entering into a period of stability."

But that could be only temporary. Which is where the contraction comes in. "Our options in 1996 are to go with either 11 schools or to line up with just the seven in the West and play six-game schedules," Farrell said. If it's option two, say good-bye to the consortium concept, which has embraced distinctly non-Western schools Northern Illinois, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana, and Arkansas State. "We've looked at the possibility of expanding in the East and going to two divisions," Farrell said, "but there's a good likelihood we'll go with a seven-team conference."

For 1995, it's business more or less as usual in the Big West-Midwest-South.

NEVADA

Save for a five-point loss to UNLV in the season finale, the Wolf Pack would have been the undisputed champs of the Big West in 1994. As it was, they had to share the title with the Rebels and Southwestern Louisiana, at 5-1. But they should be all alone at the top this time, thanks to the return of most of the key ingredients from a squad that was No. 2 in the nation in total offense, averaging 507.3 yards a game.

Coach Chris Ault still has quarterback Mike Maxwell, who produced 318 yards of total offense per game and threw for 3,537 yards; three of his top five receivers in Alex Van Dyke (school-record 98 catches), Steve McHenry, and Cornel West; No. 2 rusher Ken Minor (748 yards, team-high 14 TDs), and three starting offensive linemen in senior tackles Mike Rockwood (7-0, 310) and Deron Thorp and junior center Jeff Hadwick. Matt Kelly is the heir apparent at tight end. Stepping in at one guard, is JC transfer Soma Helu. The Pack's major offensive

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worry is the departure of all-purpose kicker Armando Avina.

The defense, which wasn't bad as the team went 9-2 overall in '94, figures to be stronger, although there are some holes to fill. Senior David Miller is the only returning regular in the line. Julian Yearwood, Tawan Hall, and James Cannida or Donnie West should join him up front, with senior Lamonte Porter and sophomore Deshone Myles (team-leading 138 tackles) at linebacker with either John Peaua or Mike Crawford. Juan Givens and Darnell Hasson return in the secondary. Also back is 1993 starter Garnett Overby, who will compete with JC transfers Mike Guider, Molech Blythe, and Doyle Holman.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

The Ragin' Cajuns have tied for the Big West championship each of the last two seasons and figure to contend again if they can fill in some gaps at linebacker and in the secondary from a unit that led the league and was third in the nation against the pass.

Coach Nelson Stokley, who's starting his 10th season in Lafayette, needs to find replacements for two-time All-America safety Orlanda Thomas and linebacker Patrice Alexander off a team that was 6-5 overall, 5-1 in the conference. He does return senior end Jeff Mitchell (147 tackles and 15 sacks over the last two seasons), along with line veterans Clifton Sylvester, Paul Cabbie, and Deryk McKinley. But the only experienced players behind them are senior linebacker Marlon Goff and senior cornerback Tim Sensley. Junior Pat Brennan will help at linebacker. Nickel back Britt Jackson is likely at the other corner, with kick returners Damon Mason and Brian Jackson probable at the safety spots. Junior punter Mike Jones is back and senior Mike Shafer was a Lou Groza Award finalist after making all 14 of his field goal attempts, the only perfect record among Division I kickers.

The offense should be very good, with quarterback Jake Delhomme (1,712 yards passing, 10 TDs) back for his third season, throwing to Donald Richard (41 catches for 723 yards), Franco Smith, and the tight end tandem of Cody Romero (20-303) and Greg Baker. No. 2 rusher Kenyon Cotton (547 yards), will work more in one-back sets this fall. At 251 pounds, he's a load. The line features three seniors, tackle Keno Hills, an All-America candidate, guard Sam Heinen, and center Luke Yarnell, who may be joined by sophs Keith Ware and Anthony Clement.

UNLV

Jeff Horton has to replace two-thirds of a team that surprisingly finished 7-5 and tied for the Big West title with a 5-1 record. The offense would get a big boost if senior wide receiver Demond Thompkins resolves his academic problems. The defense and kicking games both are uncertain.

Jared Brown and Jason Davis are a good tandem at quarterback. They'll be minus receivers Henry Bailey and Randy Gatewood, but Thompkins and transfer Jason Toohey could fill in nicely. The running game flourished late last season after freshman DeJohn Branch supplanted Omar Love. Branch is back, with help from Tony Burton and Shannon Wilson. Four-year

starter Howie McGowan is gone, but tackle Dennis Whitmore, guard Robbie Morrison, and center Jose Gonzalez return. Rookies Justin Trammell, Mike Reilly, and Jerald Pierucci will contend at the other spots, with former quarterback David White probable in place of Randy Brewer at tight end.

The only returning starter in the defensive line, which helped set a team-record 41 sacks in '94, is nose guard Paul Carrillo, who will need quick help from Charles Fisher, Damien Howard, and Chris White. Keith Clough and Brittney Posey, the leading tacklers, are missing from a linebacking corps that includes Rossie Johnson, Lamont Hicks, P.J. Tyler, and Daniel Martin. Jermaine Webster is the lone returnee in the secondary, where transfer Carlos Hilliard and safeties Jabbar Thomas and Daniel Stewart could be the new starters.

Walk-ons may have to fill in for star place-kicker Nick Garritano and punter Brad Faunce, the best duo in school history. Freshman Dallas Orchard will get first look as the place-kicker.

PACIFIC

The major task at hand for coach Chuck Shelton seems to be surviving a brutal non-conference schedule, so his team can get to Big West play reasonably intact. It won't be easy, considering the season opens with Arizona, Oregon State, Fresno State, Nebraska, and Oregon.

The major weapon from a squad that was 6-5 overall, 4-2 and in fourth place in the Big West, is senior tailback Joe Abdullah, an All-America candidate who rushed for 1,075 yards. Senior Kerry Blakney returns at fullback, with veterans Tyrone Watley, Eric Atkins, Damon Bowers, and Greg Weston at wide receiver. The line includes three 1994 starters: seniors Hormaz Jangi and Dan Weldon and junior tight end Ryan Green. The main question mark is at quarterback, where JC transfer Chad Fotheringham may take over for the departed Craig Whelihan. Punter/place-kicker Roger Fleenor did well as a freshman.

Defensively, there's size and depth but not a lot of experience. Returning starter Jason Evans may work with '94 backups Damon Perasso and Steve Wright up front, with Bill Denny and Vince Bruno again at inside linebackers and senior Elliott Burke outside, perhaps joined by Martin Konrad or Shon Kendall. JC transfer Donnie Spragan also may be in the mix. All-conference candidate Ray Stukes, Rodney Campbell, and Marquette Clark lead the secondary. Newcomer Nigel Burton may push for playing time, along with Andy Naylor, Matt Kilgras, and Eddie LeBaron.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach Charlie Sadler figures his Huskies were just "a doggone 17 points" away from a 7-4 season. As it was, they wound up 4-7 overall, 3-3 in the Big West, despite averaging 455 yards in total offense and 33.5 points their last eight games, and improved defensively in many areas. With a little luck, a very good season could be in the offing.

A topnotch offensive line led by senior center and All-America candidate Mike Sutherland, tackle Derek Sholdice, guard Duane Arrindell, and junior tight end Mitch

Jacoby will work in front of 6-4 senior quarterback Aaron Gilbert, No. 2 in the conference in passing efficiency, and running backs Charles Talley (587 yards) and Alton Francis, who will try to fill in for leading rusher Brian Grimes. The Huskies ran the ball 73 percent of the time last fall, but Mitchell still will throw to seniors Brandon Willis and Otha Brooks occasionally.

There are three regulars in the defensive front: seniors C.J. "Havoc Inc." Rose, who could be the Big West's best rusher, at end and Hollis Thomas at nose guard and junior Steve Rhoads at tackle. Five of the six top linebackers return, headed by all-Big West candidate Mandel Hester, Orlando Bowen, and Shawn Wehrspann. Senior cornerback Scott Caringella and sophomore strong safety Greg Parrish, both 11-game starters, are back. Likely to start with them are 1994 nickel backs Todd Garifo and Salim Phillips.

Freshman Brian Clark will inherit the place-kicking job held by Lance Lasseigne, the conference's No. 4 scorer last season; senior punter Jamie Dobay is back.

SAN JOSE STATE

John Ralston's Spartans face another brutal nonconference schedule (USC, Stanford, Cal, San Diego State) but appear better equipped to cope with Big West competition, following a '94 season in which they went 3-3 in league play and 3-8 overall.

The key is shoring up a defense that allowed 34.3 points and 212.6 rushing yards per game. Three starters, cornerbacks Maurice Simpson and Wardell Crutchfield and safety Marcus Galbreath, return in the secondary. Darren Jones may start at the other safety. Two-year regulars Howard Butler, a star in the making, and Tom Sotelo and Miller Reupenny should open in a new 3-4 alignment, but there's a question at linebacker, where Dan Godfrey and Theron Miller are gone. Greg Phillips, Eric Quarles, Jacob Malae, and David Elzey figure to start.

Junior Alli Abrew (1,743 yards passing) returns at quarterback, with David Doyle (32 catches) and Brian Lundy at wide receiver and Brian Roche (30), one of the West's best, at tight end. Running back looks wide-open, with Patrick Walsh (483 yards), Charlie Adams, and Donald Lindsey, who has more than 1,800 all-purpose career yards, possibles. Four senior starters (Salofi Tautuaa, Chris Hill, Mike Snell, and John Groote-good) are back on the line. But only Tautuaa will be in his old position, at left tackle. Curtice Macfarlane, Cory Jones, and Kurt Strauss are battling for the other tackle spot.

Freshman Jason Chapple may take over punting duties, with redshirt Joe Furlow competing with walk-ons Ryan Dettling and Chris Prater for the place-kicking job.

UTAH STATE

New coach John L. Smith was tremendously successful at Idaho, but he doesn't appear to have the tools for a quick start in Logan. The Aggies (3-8 overall, and 2-4 and tied for seventh in the Big West) lost seven defensive starters and need stability in an offensive line that allowed 39 sacks.

Smith also is looking for a No. 1 quarterback among veterans Matt Wells and Aaron Flowers and JC transfer Patrick Mullins. His one-back running attack will have the bene-



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fit of senior Abu Wilson, who accounted for nearly 75 percent of the ground offense with 822 yards. Shawn Turner, Kevin Alexander, and Ivy Russell combined for 113 catches for 1,512 yards and 10 TDs in '94. Things are much less clear in the line, where the only senior starters are likely to be tackle Novich Hunter and tight end Shawn Griswold, who's moving from an interior spot. Juniors Micah Knorr and Nathan Morreale are both capable of place-kicking and punting.

There are major losses on defense, but linebacker David Gill, who had a team-high 89 tackles, remains. He'll get help from three other returnees: end Danilo Robinson, tackle Matt Hauk, and strong safety Sean Coleman. Freshman Walter Fiefia should see immediate action in a thin line.

NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach Jim Hess says the 1994 season was "disappointing but not disastrous," but if he hopes to improve a 3-8 record and a 2-4 mark and tie for seventh in the Big West, he'll need a major upgrading of a defense that gave up more than 38 points a game.

He has a problem going in, because starting linebackers Beau LeBreton and Tony Gray have departed. Hess thinks he has enough depth in the line and at linebacker, but there isn't much experience. Converted linebacker Sam Manuel should be a leader at end, and Jerry Atkinson, Andy Martinez, Bernie Johnson, and Antoine Frazier all started at times in '94. Junior Matt Botone and sophomore Jamon Johnson are among the linebacking candidates. The secondary is more sure, with Cedric Walton (second on the team with 99 tackles), James McIntyre, Mark Mitchell, Donald Veasley, Dorian Williams, and Michael Harvey.

The offense lost top rushers Brian Pizula (564 yards) and Lawrence Truehill, but senior Cody Ledbetter, who broke a thumb on his throwing hand, is the Big West's most experienced quarterback. He'll throw to Lucious Davis, the Aggies' all-time leading receiver, Duane Gregory, Tony Sanchez, and all-Big West tight end Sean Manuel, Sam's brother, who had 39 catches. Keelin Boulware, Heath Haedge, and Greg Snyder return in the line, and punter Chad Zecha and place-kicker Bubba Culin are back for their senior seasons.

LOUISIANA TECH

Like several Big West teams, the Bulldogs are concerned about defense, following a 3-8 season (1-5 and ninth in the Big West). Coach Joe Raymond Peace is focusing primarily on putting more pressure on the quarterback. Ends Keith Washington and William Flowers are strong, but there's a question at tackle, where Derrick Moore and Howard Thornton are the tentative starters. Fred Price will be missed at linebacker, but seniors Lance Reed and Shannon Jenkins are solid and seniors Brody Clark and Shane Carrigan saw action. Willie Smith, an all-star candidate, is the only regular returning in the secondary. Senior Wilford Carter should step in, with Derrick Parker, Jerry McCray, and DeJuan Washington competing at the safeties.

Peace is hoping for more consistency out of junior quarterback Jason Martin.

Jason Cooper, the school's all-time leading rusher, left a big hole, but there is talent at running back in Jason Armstrong, Jonathan Maxwell, Terence Wilson, and transfer Lee Ragsdale. The Bulldogs could use more speed at wide receiver, where Dean Jackson, Chad Mackey, and Cedric Williams return. JC transfer Josh Bradley may be the tight end and senior Grant Williams is a potential star at tackle. Former walk-on Marty Kent did well as the place-kicker, but punter Jason Cain was inconsistent.

ARKANSAS STATE

Depth has been a big problem for coach John Bobo in his two years. The numbers look a little better this season, but the Indians have a long way to go after a 1-10 finish (0-6 in the Big West).

Total offense leader Johnny Covington is back at quarterback, and Bobo hopes to work leading rusher Corey Walker (630 yards) and senior Zoe Freeman into a two-back set. Derrick Austin (27 receptions) and Reginald Murphy should be the wide



receivers, with reliable Clark McBride at tight end. Three starters are gone from the line, but tackles Jessie Miller and Roy James return, and Brent Turner, Perry Pylant, and Brett Myers played extensively.

The linebacking corps looks strong, with Torrance Suggs, Bryan Singleton, and Rodney Hawthorne, but there are major questions in the line and the secondary. Nose guard Ed Rufus is gone and tackle Carlo White and end Carlos Emmons, last season's top tackler, both missed spring drills with injuries. The key men may be Gary Jackson, Stefan Gamlin, and redshirt freshman Sedrick Richardson. Two frosh, Matt Smith and Mark Davenport, will get long looks at nose guard. Safeties Clark Watkins and Maurice Harris had fine seasons. Redshirt Brandon Walker and former walk-on Ray Robins may move in at the corners. Place-kicker Jeff Caldwell and punter Kyle Richardson are solid.

america west conference

by Gary Washburn

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1. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
2. Southern Utah
3. Sacramento State
4. Cal State Northridge

CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO

The Mustangs are the class of the four-team American West with 14 regulars returning from last year's conference champions. Second-year coach Andre Patterson welcomes back quarterback Mike Fisher (2,536 passing yards and 18 TDs with 22 interceptions), the league's offensive Player of the Year, to a unit which returns its skill-position players. All-AWC receiver Hitoshi Ono (37 catches) rejoins Fisher along with Jon Peck (31) and tight end Travis Rodgers. Mike Allshouse is a good short-yardage back, but Patterson's biggest concern is replacing four starters on the line.

The Mustangs were an enigma, with the conference's best rushing defense (93.4 ypg) and worst passing defense (304.5). Seven returning starters should help. Brian Pearsall, who set a school-record with 12.5 sacks, will join with Stanford transfers Scott Cavanaugh and Ryan Turner on the line. Linebackers Jonathan Trotter and Alex Garwood return while Oregon State transfer Demetrius Davis and returnee David Brown (3 interceptions) are in the secondary.

SOUTHERN UTAH

The Thunderbirds were within one victory of back-to-back league titles before losing to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in the final game. Coach Jack Bishop went out and recruited several JC players to fill holes immediately and make another run at the title.

The first step to success has to be taken by quarterback Rick Robins, who had a disappointing 1994 in Bishop's option offense. Robins, who has started 33 consecutive games, threw 15 interceptions and rushed for just 71 yards and will need the help of a reconstructed line. Senior starters Chris Hinton and Jeff Rudy return, challenged by five JC signees, including 295-pound Tom Fell and 315-pound Chuck Day. All-AWC receiver Micah Deckart (19 catches, 5 TDs) will join two-year starter Kevin Cuthbertson. Gary Perkins (5.6 yards per carry) takes over at tailback.

Lineman Jeff Galyean and cornerback Duston Connaughton spearhead a defense that is inexperienced and allowed 31 points per game and intercepted just six passes. Cornerback Ron Talbot and linebacker Jeff Jones could also contribute.

SACRAMENTO STATE

The Hornets are just happy to be in existence. The school's football program came close to being eliminated in the spring and the instability prompted head coach Mike Clemons to take an assistant's job at Pacific and assistant coach Greg Knapp to join the staff of the San Francisco 49ers. The school canceled spring drills and hired a new head coach, Dave Baldwin, in May. What's worse is that the team has just eight returning starters and no new recruits.

Baldwin has major rebuilding to do from last year's 5-5 team and several inexperienced players to start with. The offense retains linemen Tom Moses and all-conference Jason Bannan and sophomore receiver Jake Hoffart, but nothing else. Tony Corbin, Brian Daubin, Tyler Jessee, and Dave Sypniewski compete at quarterback.

The defensive backfield will be the lone strength. Three starters return, including Marvin Brown (7 interceptions) and fellow all-conference honoree Damon Wright. Outside linebacker Damien Mason will be joined up front by Peter Willson.

CAL-STATE NORTHRIDGE

The Matadors' program survived a referendum situation (see Sacramento State) and is looking for a new head coach since Bob Burt left after a tumultuous 3-7 season to take a high school job. The cupboard will be almost bare for the new coach, with no new recruits and the best offensive player lost to another school.

Just two starters, receiver David Romines (44 catches) and fullback Darren Walton (278 yards), return on offense. Quarterback should be secure with Oregon transfer Clayton Millis. Tight end Travis Hall, a possible All-America candidate, transferred to USC in the spring. Junior safety James Woods leads the defense that returns five starters but must deal with the loss of All-America cornerback Joseph Vaughn and lineman Oscar Wilson. Vaughn set a Division I-AA record by returning four interceptions for touchdowns in '94.

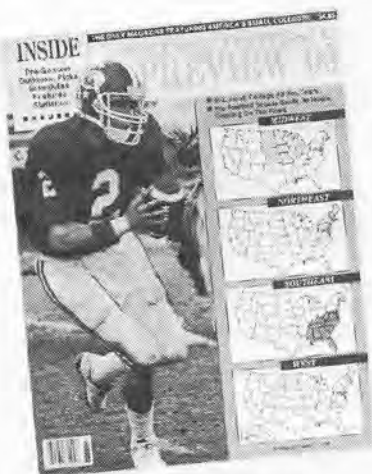
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ST. MARY'S

Still a team looking for a I-AA conference, St. Mary's continues to thrive as an independent, with eight consecutive winning seasons, five under coach Mike Rasmussen. There's no reason why the Gaels can't keep that streak alive this fall. Sophomore quarterback Sean Laird, who passed for 1,043 yards, leads a potent offense. Soph Ed Williams (661 yards) and senior Bonner Cummings (328 in six games) are the tailback tandem. Blake Tuffi (32 catches) and tight ends Mickey Clements and Jeff Petersen rejoin four returning starters on the line, including senior Adam Mahlum. Sophomore Tom Antongiovanni hit all 29 of his extra points and nine of 14 field goals.

Five starters return from a defense that ranked third nationally in I-AA against the run (86.9 ypg) and picked off 16 passes. Leading tackler Peter Baichtal is gone at linebacker but Tim Hoyt is back and Chad Gieg, Dave Smith, and Monty Wells should battle for the remaining spots. Eddie Ford and Jose Perez return in the secondary; sack leader Domingo Ruiz anchors an inexperienced line.

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PENN STATE

12-0, 8-0) What can the Nittany Lions do for an encore? A year after they turned the Big Ten into their private playground (Penn State set a conference record by averaging 47 points per game), the Nittany Lions have to replace a slew of stars who headed off for the NFL. Gone are tailback Ki-Jana Carter, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, quarterback Kerry Collins, and tight end Kyle Brady.

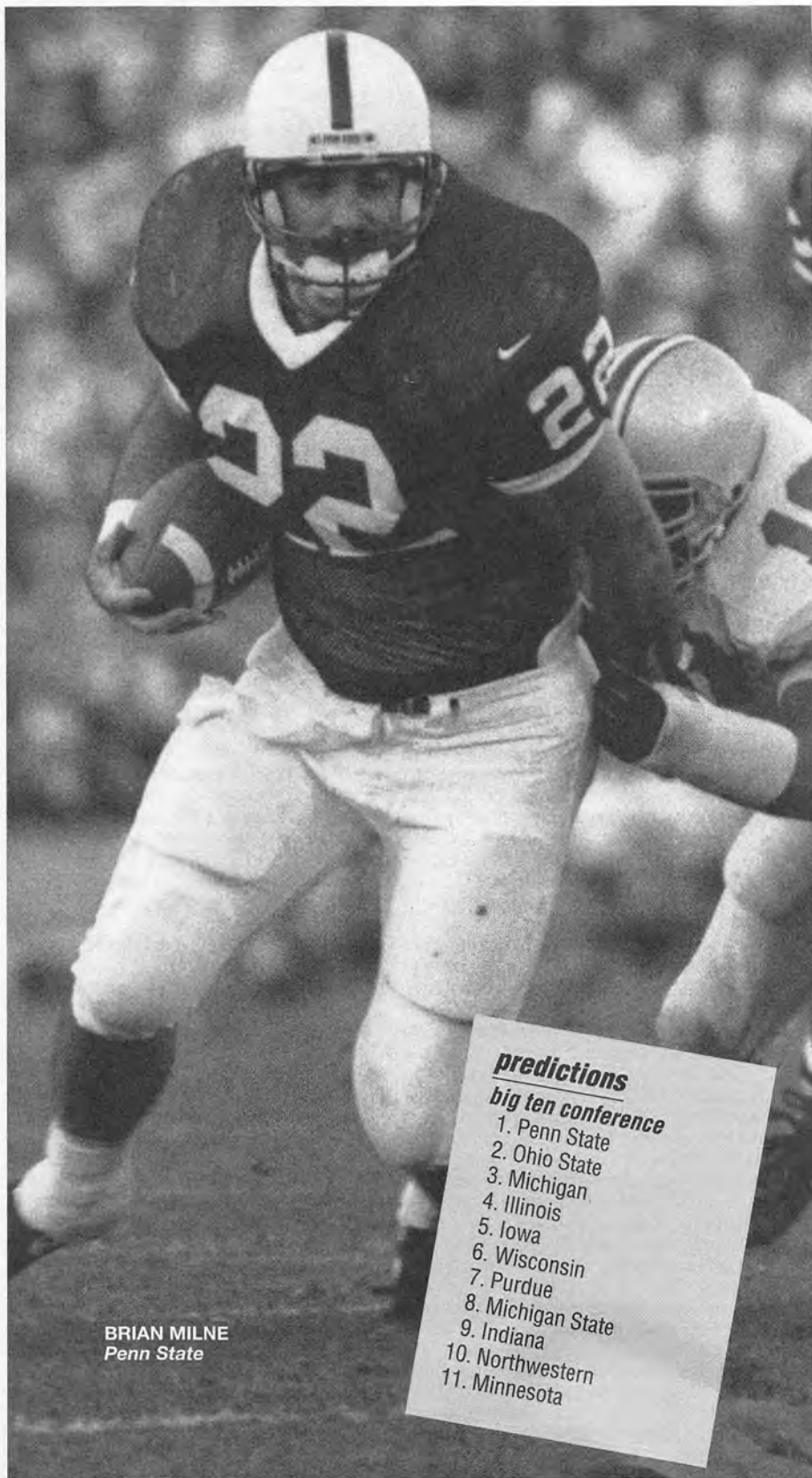
But don't weep for Joe Paterno. He's still packing some weapons in the mountains of central Pennsylvania. This will be the year Penn Staters find out if quarterback Wally Richardson can live up to the hype. Richardson played parts of 10 games a year ago, so he's not untested. His supporting cast remains strong, with a pair of class receivers in Bobby Engram, winner of the 1994 Biletnikoff Award, and Freddie Scott and a burner in tailback Mike Archie, who averaged 5.8 yards per carry as Carter's backup last fall. Fullback Brian Milne, the 1993 NCAA discus champion, scored three touchdowns in the dramatic comeback against Illinois. Brett Conway scored 99 points and set a Big Ten record with 66 PATs. The offensive line returns Jeff Hartings and Marco Rivera at guard and their senior classmates Keith Conlin and Andre Johnson at tackle.

Defense was a big problem for the Nittany Lions in '94, and the unit may struggle early to overcome the departure of its top three tacklers: linebackers Brian Gelzheiser, Willie Smith, and Phil Yeboah-Kodie. Senior cornerback Brian Miller was first-team all-conference and senior outside linebacker Todd Atkins was second-team.

Penn State probably won't be as good as it was a year ago, but it still will contend. The Nittany Lions' toughest conference dates (Ohio State and Michigan) are at home, and their four league road games are against teams that had losing records in 1994.

OHIO STATE

(9-4, 6-2) For the first time in what must seem like forever, Ohio State is going into the season without people wondering if this is going to be head coach John Cooper's last year. The long-embattled Buckeye coach last season signed a five-year extension after leading a graduation-depleted team to a second-place finish in the Big Ten. Not coincidentally, Cooper also thrashed Michigan for his first victory over the Buckeyes' archrival. Ohio State has the best record in the Big Ten over the past three seasons (17-5-2). Expectations are always high in Columbus, and this year will be no different, with a top-heavy schedule.



BRIAN MILNE
Penn State

predictions

big ten conference

1. Penn State
2. Ohio State
3. Michigan
4. Illinois
5. Iowa
6. Wisconsin
7. Purdue
8. Michigan State
9. Indiana
10. Northwestern
11. Minnesota

The Buckeye attack has shown signs of potential, and senior quarterback Bobby Hoyer and senior tailback Eddie George are the main men. Hoyer completed 57 percent of his passes for 2,335 yards and 19 touchdowns, but he will have to find new targets to replace the departed Joey Galloway and Chris Sanders, who combined for 79 of Ohio State's 181 receptions and 15 of the 19 TDs last fall. George scored 12 times and averaged 111 yards per game. Tackle Korey Stringer is gone, but the rest of the line returns, headed by tackle Orlando Pace, the Big Ten's Freshman of the Year, and junior center Juan Porter.

On defense, the Buckeyes will lean on the bookends of their front wall, consensus first-team all-conference picks Mike Vrabel and Matt Finkes, who combined for 21 sacks. Cooper must find a replacement for middle linebacker Lorenzo Styles and soph Shawn Springs is the lone returning starter in the secondary.

The schedule hardly favors the Buckeyes, who open with Boston College in the Kickoff Classic and later face Notre Dame and Penn State on successive weekends. They have to go back to State College to try to pay back the Nittany Lions for their humiliating 63-14 ripping of a year ago. The regular season ends at Michigan, where the Buckeyes will try to notch consecutive victories over the Wolverines for the first time since 1981-82.

MICHIGAN

(8-4, 5-3) Anyone around the leafy hamlet of Ann Arbor can tell you that the Wolverines haven't won a national title since 1948. Big Blue went into last season with higher hopes than usual of ending the drought, but its national title hopes blew up in the heart-breaking 27-26 loss to Colorado in September when the Buffaloes' Michael Westbrook pulled in a deflected 64-yard pass from Kordell Stewart as time expired. Michigan never seemed to recover from the shock. The question going into 1995 is whether the Wolverines will be able to recover from (1) the resignation in May of head coach Gary Moeller and (2) the loss of their leading rusher, Tyrone Wheatley, and one of the best passers in school history, Todd Collins.

New coach Lloyd Carr has plenty of tools on offense, beginning with junior tailback Tshimanga Biakabutuka, who won rave reviews filling in for the injured Wheatley. Biakabutuka can, in the best Michigan tradition, knock over a linebacker if he has to, but he's at his best in the open field. Michigan also returns the Big Ten's best pair of wide-outs in Amani Toomer (school-record 1,096 yards) and Mercury Hayes (a great name for a receiver). All Carr has to do is find someone to throw it to them. Fifth-year senior Jason Carr is the only quarterback with any experience. Seniors Jon Runyan and Rod Payne anchor a veteran line. Remy Hamilton led the Big Ten in scoring (101 points), setting a league record with 25 field goals.

The defense should be better; it would be hard for it to be much worse than it was in '94, when Michigan conceded 268 points, the most in school history. Senior free safety Chuck Winters, junior linebacker Jarrett Irons, and senior tackles Trent Zenkewicz and Jason Horn lead the unit, which returns

seven starters. Last fall the Wolverines lost three times at home, and they've dropped four of their last nine in the fabled "Big House." It took Bo Schembechler 11 seasons to lose four home games. It's doubtful the boo-birds will be patient much longer.

ILLINOIS

(7-5, 4-4) "Defense" has been the watchword in Lou Tepper's three years at Illinois. The 1994 defense ranked among the best in school history, allowing only 13.0 points per game, tops in the Big Ten and sixth-best in the nation. But this fall the Fighting Illini face the unenviable task of trying to replace the heart and soul of the unit: Butkus Award winner Dana Howard and his linebacking sidekick, John Holecek.

Tepper, a notorious optimist, may look at his 1995 defense as half full instead of half empty. The unit still has pass rusher Simeon Rice, who eschewed the NFL draft after being named the Big Ten's Defensive Line-man of the Year. Rice piled up a league-best 16 sacks for minus 114 yards last season. He rejoins fellow seniors Kevin Hardy, a first-team all-Big Ten outside linebacker who is also seen as a strong pro prospect; free safety Antwoine Patton, a second-team all-conference honoree; and strong safety Tyrone Washington. Trevor Starghill and Duane Lyle are the probable new corners. In the middle are linemen Tim McCloud, Paul Marshall, and Cyron Brown, with Dennis Stallings and David James at linebacker.

So the Illini won't give up many points. The biggest question is whether they'll be able to score them. That's been a nagging problem in Champaign in recent years, and the probable cause of an alarming turnover of offensive coordinators. This season Paul Schudel becomes the fourth man to hold that job in the last five seasons. The offense improved last year under Greg Landry's pro-style attack (it had the nation's 18th-ranked passing game), but the Illini still had trouble putting the ball in the end zone. The day after the national letter-of-intent signing day, Tepper fired Landry, a move that led hot quarterback prospect Chris Redman to obtain a release from his commitment.

Unlike Landry, who had to bring along a slew of rookies, Schudel takes over a team with a proven leader and a slew of talented returnees. Senior quarterback Johnny Johnson, the Big Ten's top returning player in total offense (207.8 ypg), passed for almost 2,500 yards (19 TDs and 6 interceptions). Running backs Ty Douthard and Robert Holcombe combined for 1,285 yards. Junior flanker Jason Dulick (52 catches and 6 TDs) and senior Shane Fisher are the top targets. Center Chris Koerwitz and tackle Ken Blackman are the returning starters in the line.

In Tepper's first three years the team has struggled out of the gate, and the early 1995 schedule will make it hard to stop the trend. The Illini open with a quartet of 1994 bowl teams: Michigan at home, defending Pac-10 champion Oregon on the road and Arizona and East Carolina at home.

IOWA

(5-5-1, 3-4-1) Name the hottest Big Ten team in the second half of 1995. O.K., besides Penn State. It was the Iowa Hawkeyes, who raced home 3-0-1 and nar-

rowly missed a bowl invitation. The fast finish sparked high hopes for 1995. It appeared that coach Hayden Fry's youngsters were finally hitting their stride after stumbling through a disastrous five-game losing streak for the second year in a row. The slide gave rise to some muted Fry-bashing; Fry is still beloved in most of the state, but a fourth straight non-winning season will be hard for even the most faithful to swallow.

The Hawkeyes' strength is an offense that produced 407 yards and 28 points per game. It has quarterbacks Ryan Driscoll and Matt Sherman and a pair of backs Fry calls "two of the most exciting running backs we've ever had." Sedrick Shaw was just the second sophomore in school history to rush for 1,000 yards; his backup, Tavian Banks, averaged 7.3 yards per carry. Demo Odems and Willie Guy each managed just seven catches, but they averaged 27.1 and 15.4 yards, respectively. Guard Matt Purdy was honorable mention all-Big Ten. He returns alongside fellow senior Casey Wiegmann.

Defense is a different story. The Hawkeyes allowed a 29.5 points and 381 yards per game. Fry will ask linebacker Bobby Diaco, the team's leading tackler a year ago despite a bad shoulder, to provide leadership. Frosh Vernon Rollins is penciled in as a starter. Look for a fast start. Fry has arranged another of his traditionally weak nonconference schedules after facing the NCAA's sixth-toughest schedule in 1994. Iowa opens against I-AA Northern Iowa, followed by meetings with Iowa State and New Mexico State, which went a combined 3-18-1 last fall.

WISCONSIN

(7-4-1, 4-3-1) That "thunk" they heard out in Dairyland was the Wisconsin football program running into reality. In 1995, the Bad-



EDDIE GEORGE
Ohio State

gers suffered a hangover from the wild party of 1994, when the school made its first Rose Bowl appearance in three decades. Barry Alvarez's team was maddeningly inconsistent and didn't string together back-to-back victories until the last two weeks of the season, when it scrambled to snag a Hall of Fame Bowl bid. The Badgers found themselves in even more trouble off the field. Tailback Brent Moss, the '94 Big Ten MVP, was kicked off the team after a late-season arrest on drug charges, and several other Badgers had trouble staying off the police blotter.

This year, Alvarez will be thrilled if his players confine their headlines to the field. His biggest headache, though, will be to replace the 2,309 rushing yards that left with Moss and tailback Terrell Fletcher. Quarterback Darrell Bevell, a senior who completed 60 percent of his throws last year, will be asked to do more. Soph Tony Simmons had a big rookie year, averaging 26.7 yards on his 22 receptions. Junior tackle Jerry Wunsch is the full-time regular back on the line.

The Badgers have to replace the entire secondary, plus two other starters, from a defense that yielded 19.8 points per game, third-best in the high-scoring Big Ten. Junior linebacker Pete Monty is the leading returning tackler in the conference. Senior line-

backer Mike Alstott, who has been grinding up Big Ten defenses for three years. The senior romped for 1,188 yards and an average of 5.9 yards per carry last fall, and his 14 touchdowns accounted for almost half the team's total. He needs 1,117 yards and two rushing touchdowns to become the school's all-time leader. But opponents can't key on Alstott for fear of letting tailback Corey Rogers, another senior, run wild. He gained 764 yards and scored 10 touchdowns a year ago and is just 187 yards behind Alstott in the Purdue record book. Three-year starter Emmett Zitelli anchors the line at center.

The problem is on defense, where the Boilermakers finished last in the league, conceding an astounding 471 yards per

11 TDs) and senior running back Duane Goulbourne (930 yards and 8 TDs). The unit's other returning regulars are fullback Scott Greene (375 rushing yards and 42 receptions for 452 yards), wide receiver Nigea Carter, and guard Bob Denton. Receiver/kick returner Derrick Mason and flanker Muhsin Muhammad will see more extended duty.

Defense, though, is the first love of Saban, who guided the defense of Michigan State's 1987 Big Ten champions as an assistant to Perles. Saban plans to restore the toughness to a unit led by all-Big Ten senior cornerback Demetrice Martin (7 interceptions), tackle Yakini Allen, free safety Robert Shurelds, and linebackers Reggie Garnett and soph Ike Reese, who led the team in tackles.

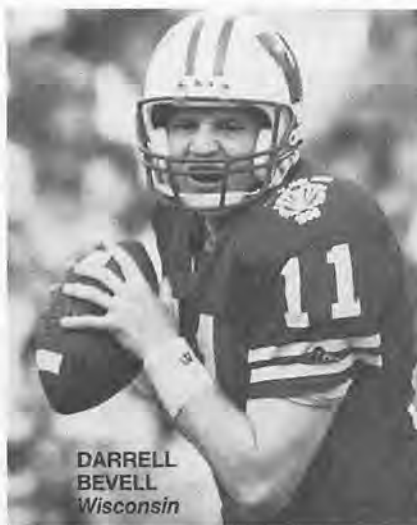
INDIANA

(6-5, 3-5) The Hoosiers go into 1995 trying to prove that they aren't the team that collapsed in the second half of last season. On October 22 Indiana stood 5-1 and had edged into the national rankings, but it lost to Northwestern at home that day and skidded to four defeats in its final five games.

The main deficiency was a defense that conceded nearly 30 points per conference



MIKE ALSTOTT
Purdue



DARRELL BEVELL
Wisconsin

game. Tackle Jon Krick was honorable mention all-league. He rejoins linebackers Joe Hagins, Aaron Hall, and Chike Okefor on the unit. Another problem is the schedule, which features traditional rival Notre Dame and the three toughest teams in the Big Ten: Penn State, Michigan, and Ohio State.

MICHIGAN STATE

(5-6, 4-4) Nick Saban didn't wait long to endear himself to the Spartan faithful. One of his first duties as the new head football coach was to address the crowd at half-time of the men's basketball game against arch-rival Michigan last winter. After promising to work to return the Spartans to past glory, Saban boomed, "Before I leave, there's one thing I have to ask of you. In the second half, I want you to be the best fans in America, so we can beat Michigan's [deleted]!"

The fans went wild as Saban showed an emotional side he rarely reveals in public. The hiring of Saban, who went 9-2 with Toledo in 1990 in his only year as a college head coach, has sparked high expectations in East Lansing. It would be wise, though, for the followers to reign in their expectations this year. For starters, the Spartans open at home with defending national champion Nebraska. Saban is taking over a lackluster team that stumbled to a 19-26 record in the final four years of the George Perles era.

The offense belongs to senior quarterback Tony Banks, the Big Ten's top returning passer (61 percent for 2,040 yards and



REGGIE GARNETT
Michigan State

game. The bad news is that the Hoosiers lost linebacker Alfonzo Thurman, the only member of the unit named to a Big Ten all-star team, and two of his linebacking partners. Louis Pinnock and Nathan Davis return on the line and Chris Mucci and Aaron Warnecke in the secondary, but Mallory shifted cornerback Eric Smedley to safety to get him more involved and end Tate Harbottle to linebacker.

The bright side is that Indiana should be able to move the ball. Alex Smith, who's but a sophomore, is the league's leading returning rusher. He romped for 1,528 yards (including 245 vs. Purdue) and gained 134.1 yards per game in 1994, the sixth-best average in the country. Head coach Bill Mallory will replace departed quarterback John Paci with 6-foot-6 junior Chris Dittoe, who passed for 279 yards and four TDs in a relief role against Penn State and threw only one interception last season. He can spread his passes among Ajamu Stoner, Eric Matthews, Brian Bruner, Rich Kearney, and

backer Eric Unverzagt, the Badgers' No. 2 tackler, and senior tackle Jason Maniecki were second-team all-Big Ten.

Wisconsin's schedule is anything but inviting, with four of the first five games coming against Colorado, Stanford, Penn State, and Ohio State. If the Badgers can survive that early march, they may be able to skate through their last six games, which include only one game against a team with a winning record in '94.

PURDUE

(4-5-2, 2-4-2) If Purdue head coach Jim Colletto wants to inspire his players as they prepare for 1995, all he has to do is pull out the film clips of the first half of last season. The Boilermakers could do little wrong as they stormed to a 4-1-1 record, and down along the Wabash River they prepared for the school's first bowl since 1984. But then disaster struck, and Purdue frittered away its postseason hopes in an 0-4-1 finish.

There's plenty of reason to believe Purdue, which returns 16 starters, will make good on the promise it showed early last

tight end Ben Klusmeyer. Juniors Jay Seib and Tom Lukawski and senior Clay Williams are returning starters up front.

NORTHWESTERN

(3-7-1, 2-6) Bowl fever, a rare illness in Evanston, hit last fall when Northwestern jumped out to a 3-3-1 start. But the Wildcats fell apart down the stretch, losing their final four games (by a combined 158-54). The trick for head coach Gary Barnett in 1995 is to convince his players that they can compete consistently in the Big Ten.

The defense was the sore spot as the season wore on, but the Wildcats hope that with eight starters returning, including their No. 1 tackler, linebacker Danny Sutter, the unit will have greater confidence this year. Free safety William Bennett led the Wildcats with three interceptions and was second in tackles (100, including 20 against Michigan State). Fellow senior Chris Martin is a two-year starter at cornerback.

The offense, which scored a league-low 25 touchdowns in 1994, needs stability at quarterback, where Tim Hughes is the leading returnee. Sophomore Darnell Autry ran for 556 yards, including 171 against Penn State in his first start. He averaged 11.9 for his seven receptions and had the team's longest kickoff return (65 yards). Senior center Rob Johnson is a three-year regular and guard Ryan Padgett has started the last 24 games alongside him.

At least the Wildcats have a decent punter, an essential weapon for a team that

doesn't move the ball very well. Paul Burton, a consensus all-conference pick in 1994, averaged 43 yards per game. And placekicker Sam Valenzisi, a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, had three of the longest field goals in the Big Ten, including a 52-yarder against Ohio State.

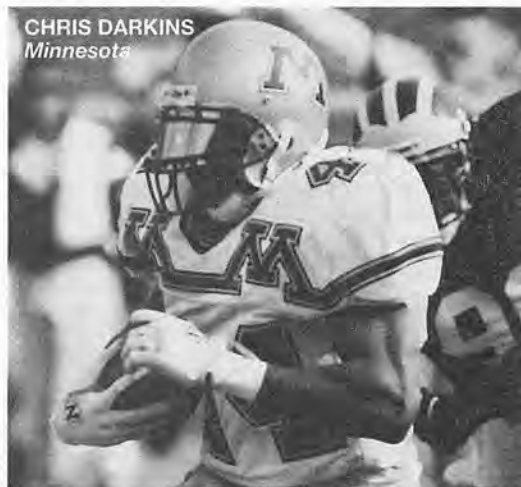
MINNESOTA

(3-8, 1-7) The Golden Gophers last year earned the dubious distinction of becoming the first school to finish 11th in the Big Ten. Even head coach Jim Wacker, who is known for his snappy quips, had trouble coming up with a funnier line than that. As Wacker enters his fourth year in Minneapolis, Golden Gopher fans are looking for more than talk. To be fair, Wacker (9-24 at Minnesota) did not inherit pigskin heaven. It's been three decades since the glory days of Murray Warmath, and the Gophers find themselves struggling for attention in a market increasingly dominated by the professional Vikings, Twins, and Timberwolves. The Gophers drew only 42,342 fans per game last year, third-lowest in the Big Ten, and they were one of only three schools that did not sell out a single game.

The Metrodome turnstiles might not have spun last year, but the heads of the Gophers' defenders did as they watched opponents race into the end zone. Minnesota's defense yielded nearly 32 points per game last fall (56 to Penn State and 49 each to Purdue and Iowa), so perhaps it's not encouraging to note that the unit returns

seven starters: ends Jerome Davis and Peter Hiestand, linebackers Craig Sauer and Ben Langford, cornerback Rodney Heath, free safety Crawford Jordan, and strong safety Justin Conzemius.

Wacker has developed a reputation as an advocate of the passing game, but this year his most potent weapon is senior running back Chris Darkins, a Doak Walker finalist a year ago. Darkins romped for 1,443 yards last fall, and his 131.2-yard average ranked seventh in the nation. Like Indiana's Alex Smith, Darkins had a big day against Purdue, with 234 yards. Flanker Johnny Woodson is the leading returning receiver



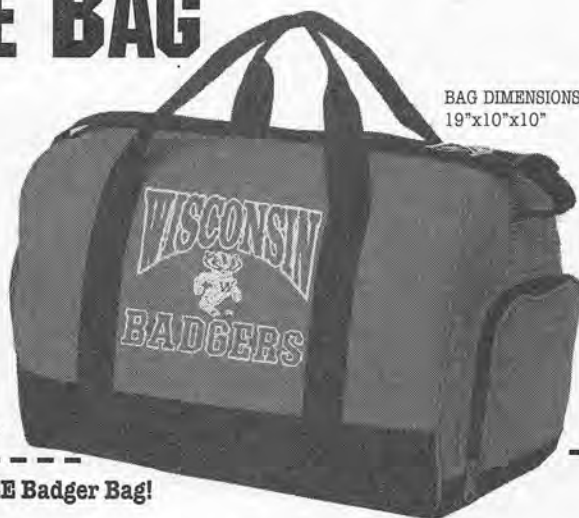
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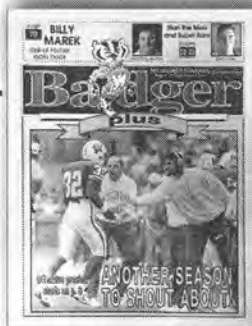
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(28 catches). Center Todd Jesewitz and tackle Mike Giovineti are back. The Gophers also boast a big-time scoring threat in senior Mike Chalberg, a New Zealander who hit 17 of 23 field goals in '94.

independents

NOTRE DAME

(6-5-1) This year couldn't come fast enough in South Bend. The Fighting Irish seemed like a flannel shirt last season: soft, familiar, and worn out every weekend. But don't look for a repeat in 1995. For starters, there's a cream-puff schedule that includes Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Purdue, and all three service academies. Michigan, Florida State, and Brigham Young, all losses a year ago, are off the slate. And then there's head coach Lou Holtz's record. The drop from 11 victories to 6 was the worst in Holtz's 25 years as a college head coach. He'll bring renewed fire to the task this season.

Holtz is a notorious pessimist—at least in his public assessments of the team—but he has to like his chances for a quick rebound in 1995. The Irish return quarterback Ron Powlus, the much-heralded phenom who showed flashes of brilliance as a redshirt freshman. Powlus might have put up even better numbers (he threw for 1,729 yards and 19 touchdowns and was intercepted 9 times) if he'd had any protection. The Irish return all five starters on the offensive line, so it's likely there will be improvement. Powlus's favorite target will once again be split end Derrick Mayes, already being touted as the eighth Irish Heisman Trophy winner. The rushing load will fall to Randy Kinder and Marc Edwards, each of whom saw significant action in 1994.

The defense is a bigger question mark. Notre Dame yielded 21 or more points eight times last season. In 1988, when it won its last national title, the Irish allowed that many points only twice. And Colorado's 41-point explosion in the Fiesta Bowl set a record for points by an Irish bowl foe. Only four starters return, and the leading tacklers are cornerback Shawn Wooden and free safety Brian Magee. Paul Grasmanis is moving from tackle to nose guard. Senior classmate Renaldo Wynn played more minutes than any Irish lineman. He and junior outside linebacker Bert Berry give Notre Dame two of the quickest pass rushers in the game.

CINCINNATI

(2-8-1) Rick Minter's first year at the helm of the Bearcats wasn't pretty. Cincinnati didn't win until its ninth game—and that victory came over Division I-AA Troy State. If the Bearcats learned from all that losing, they ought to be better this autumn. They return 17 regulars, including five of the six skill positions on offense.

Minter has two senior quarterbacks, Eric Vibberts and Todd Preston, with extensive starting experience. Senior tailback Craedel Kimbrough looks to improve upon his team-high 565 yards. The defense returns five of the top six tacklers from 1994. The school is touting sophomore outside linebacker Phillip Curry, who made 112 tackles as a freshman, as a Butkus Award candidate and junior strong safety Sam Barnes, the leading tackler, as a candidate for the Thorpe

Award. Unfortunately for Minter, Cincinnati might improve without seeing a payoff in the win column, at least early on. Two of its first three opponents (Kansas State and Virginia Tech) played in bowls last year and the first eight opponents posted winning records.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

(14-0-1) Can anyone stop the Penguins? That is the question in Division I-AA as Youngstown State sets its sights on a third straight national championship and a record fifth consecutive appearance in the title game. The answer last year was a resounding, "Not a chance." The Penguins tied Eastern Kentucky's record by cruising to a fourth straight trip to the finals—and they did it despite losing the leading rusher in school history, Tamron Smith, to graduation.

Jim Tressel, who collected a slew of Coach of the Year trophies last fall, goes into 1995 with his leaders returning on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Mark Brunard is a veteran who completed 60.2 percent of his passes a year ago for 2,453 yards and 21 touchdowns. The Penguin offense doesn't have to be strong, for defense is the backbone of the team's success. Last year the Penguins conceded as many as 20 points only once, and they limited nine foes to 10 points or less. Linebacker Leon Jones, an All-America, is the soul of the unit. He led the team with 170 tackles and finished second with five interceptions, one of which he returned 94 yards for a touchdown. Jones also found time to knock down 13 passes and sack the quarterback three times. Rejoining him is lineman Jermaine Hopkins, who set a school record with 15 sacks in '94.

It's not a stretch to pick the Penguins to three-peat. No YSU team has won fewer than 11 games in a season in the 1990s. The 1995 edition isn't likely to be the first.

mid-american conference

predictions

1. Bowling Green
2. Central Michigan
3. Western Michigan
4. Toledo
5. Miami
6. Ball State
7. Eastern Michigan
8. Kent
9. Akron
10. Ohio

Central Michigan and Bowling Green settled the Mid-American title in the final quarter of the 1994 season, with Central Michigan winning 36-33 with the help of a 73-yard touchdown run on a fake punt. Central Michigan, which lost some key people, has most of its offensive line intact along with five defensive starters and should continue as a perennial MAC threat. But Bowling Green may be ready to continue the dominance that saw it

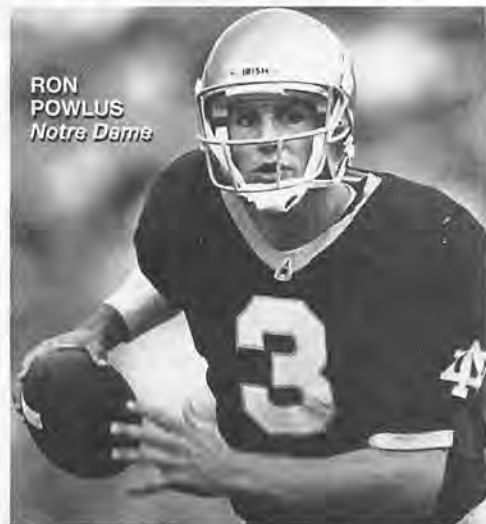
go unbeaten in the league in 1991 and '92. While fifth-year coach Gary Blackney has question marks, he keeps everyone at quarterback, fullback, and tailback and believes his offensive line could be one of the best he's had. The Falcons have a 36-8-2 record since 1991, the seventh-best mark in the nation, and face road games this fall at Missouri and Temple.

Western Michigan has one of the conference's most experienced clubs, and Jay McDonagh gives it a volatile passing game. Toledo's Ryan Huzjak directs the MAC's most potent offense. Miami also figures to score points in bunches thanks to quarterback Neil Dougherty, whose passing skills will be complemented by the running of tailback Deland McCullough. However, defensive linemen Bill Atha and Jason Phillips will be missed.

BOWLING GREEN

Senior Ryan Henry completed 59 percent of his passes for a MAC-record 25 touchdowns and ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency. He threw for six scores against Ball State and ran for another, Trevor Stover caught 16 of Henry's passes and may be used more because of the departure of wide receivers Ronnie Redd and Rameir Martin, who combined for 168 catches and 29 TDs the past two seasons. Tailbacks Keylan Cates and Courtney Davis amassed almost 1,500 yards rushing and Darius Card and Dwaylon Alexander will share time at fullback. The line is led by all-MAC tackle Chad Bukey, center Cal Bowers, and guard Shawn George.

Nevertheless, the Falcons' strength may be the defense, which was among the



RON POWLUS
Notre Dame

nation's top 25 in three categories and returns 10 players who have started at various times, led by outside linebacker Jason Woullard. Gone, however, is two-time MAC Defensive Player of the Year Vince Palko. Kevin O'Neill and Chris Burton are veteran linebackers and the line features all-MAC end Greg Cepek and nose guards Dave Bruhowzki and Tawan Smith. Steve Ayers and Tony Everhart remain at cornerback and strong safety Chioke Bradley had 57 tackles as a freshman. Senior place-kicker Derek Schorejs will replace Brian Leaver, who scored 105 points last season.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Chippewas lost 28 lettermen from a team that won the MAC title and went 9-3 overall. The vacancies include tailback Brian Pruitt, linemen Matt Nastally and Chris O'Brien, and tight end Jeremy Dunlap. The offensive line has four returning starters—tackles Scott Rehberg and Gary Glowacki, center Brock Gutierrez, and guard Bryan Carpenter—but the skill positions need reworking. Junior Chad Darnell, sophomore Tim Crowley, and freshman Tony Lorenzatti are competing for at quarterback. Senior Damon Tolbert is the likely successor to Pruitt and Chad Frazier and Chris Parmele will share time at fullback. There is no experience at wide receiver.

Coach Dick Flynn retains five defensive starters, including linebackers Cory Gildersleeve inside and Greg Spranger and Bubba Hester outside. Charlie Bush, Desmond Schultz, and Nate Simington will see more action. Central has outstanding safeties in Chad Murphy and Quincy Wright but lost four linemen and both starting cornerbacks. Carl Barth, Match Panchula, Steve Black, and Travis Allen will be given chances in the line, as will redshirt freshmen George Ghattas, Calvin Massenberg, and C.J. Remmo. Sophomore Jason Husband and redshirt freshman Shawn Williams are the likely new corners.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Ninth-year coach Al Molde keeps 40 lettermen from a 7-4 team that tied for third in the conference. The Broncos are the only MAC team not to have a losing season in the 1990s. Among the seven returning regulars on defense are two-time all-MAC tackle Dion Powell, who has 25 tackles for losses the past two seasons, outside linebacker Dean Polce, and cornerback Tristan Moss.

Jay McDonagh returns at quarterback, where he has twice been named the team MVP. He threw for 2,136 yards and 16 touchdowns last fall. His .601 career completion percentage is the best in school history. The Broncos are set at fullback with Derek Lott and at tailback with Jim Vackaro. Matt Riordan has won three letters at offensive guard and Kevin Knope gives the Broncos one of the MAC's better place-kickers. The loss of all-league tackle Tom Nutten, a top pick in the Canadian Football League draft, will be felt. Also gone are Andre Wallace, whose 68 receptions led the conference, and linebacker Peter Tuffo, who had 114 tackles.

TOLEDO

The Rockets have one of the MAC's premier quarterbacks in Ryan Huzjak, who threw for a school-record 17 touchdowns and completed 59 percent of his passes. He directed four scoring drives in the game's last three minutes to put Toledo ahead or tie the game, and he was the catalyst in putting the Rockets atop the conference in total offense at 424.3 yards per game. He rejoins seven other starters from an offense that averaged 32 points and set 14 school records. While they will miss 1,053-yard rusher Casey McBeth, successor Wasean Tait ran for 917. Receivers Scott Brunswick and Steve Rosi combined for 68 catches. Guards Charlie Webb and Chadd Dehn must be replaced,

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Coach Gary Pinkel has restructured the defense, abandoning a stunt 4-3 to try to produce more turnovers. The secondary is led by Jamal Belt and Craig Dues, who operate behind outside linebacker Aristotle Wilson and end Ernie Baskin. Baskin had eight tackles for losses, including five sacks. Pinkel moved Mark Herron from cornerback to free safety, Steve Haynes and Chris Gillette from outside linebacker to end, Jim Bates and Aaron Rulewicz from the defensive to the offensive line, and Tim Kubiak from quarterback to receiver.

MIAMI

The Redskins return six members from an offense which rolled up a school-record 4,115 yards. Senior quarterback Neil Dougherty owns the Miami mark for completions and is second in career passing yardage. He completed nearly 60 percent last fall. Sam Ricketts, who directed late-season victories over Ball State and Kent after Dougherty separated his shoulder, is the backup. Senior Eric Henderson anchors a veteran receiving corps with 43 catches, including a game-winning 41-yard TD against Ball State. Damian Vaughn and Eric Beverly offer depth at tight end and Jeremy Adkins caught 11 passes as a freshman. They'll be complemented by senior tailback Deland McCullough (1,103 yards and 8 TDs) and junior Ty King. The line features Gene Guidry and Darrell Dodson.

All-MAC defensive linemen Bill Atha and Jason Phillips must be replaced, but Jason Holmes and Marcus Stepp are back. Middle linebacker Johnnie Williams was second in the conference with 158 tackles, including a MAC-high 19 for losses. Outside linebacker Dee Osborne had 116 tackles. The only returning starter in the secondary is strong safety Ernest Parry.

BALL STATE

Former Indiana assistant Bill Lynch replaced Paul Schudel, who resigned after 10 seasons with the Cardinals. Lynch, who was head coach at Butler for five seasons and once was a Ball State assistant, will try to improve a 5-5-1 record. The Cardinals' 11 returning starters include Brent Baldwin, who threw for 1,342 yards and 16 touchdowns, but the loss of receivers Juan Gorman and Brian Oliver represented 84 of his completions. Michael Blair, who ran for 814 yards, is the top returning receiver (10 catches). They'll operate behind veteran linemen Mike Freel, Mike Kerrigan, and Tony Roush, but Tony Nibbs, whose 1,210 yards set a school record, will be missed.

Ball State also lost Kevin Johnson, who had 400 tackles the past two seasons and was runner-up for MAC Defensive Player of the Year. But the unit retains ends Keith McKenzie and Donald Rigg, backs Raphael Ball, Grant Gray, and Cory Gilliard, and line-backer Aaron Gralak. Gilliard had 126 tackles, including five for losses, and two blocked kicks.

Brent Locklear made 7 of 9 field-goal attempts and was 33 of 35 on extra points; punter Brad Maynard averaged 42.2 yards.

Ball State has a string of 76 straight games without being shut out, dating back to a loss to Bowling Green in 1987.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The Eagles suffered from a top-heavy first half of the season that saw them lose to UNLV, Wisconsin, Central Michigan, Bowling Green, and Miami in their first five games. But they rebounded to win five of their next six before Ron Cooper left to coach Louisville. Rick Rasnick is his successor and he inherits 12 starters plus punter/place-kicker Jay Gardziola. The Eagles lost their top rusher, Stephen Whitfield (1,232 yards) but keep quarterbacks Michael Armour and Charlie Batch, who combined for 2,246 yards passing and 17 touchdowns. They'll throw to Steve Clay, Bristol Greene, Ontario Pryor, and Ryan Wheatley, who combined for 127 catches. The 5-5, 145-pound Clay was the top punter/returner in Division I, averaging 20 yards. Center Matt Gregory, guard Barry Stokes, and tackle Frank Rocca return in the line.

Linebacker Reese McCaskill leads the defense, which also retains end James Lowe, tackle Kevin Kwiatkowski, and backs Eric Thompson and Rodney Nubin. Maurice Reed, who had three interceptions in 1993, also returns to the secondary after missing a season because of a knee injury.

Eastern Michigan plays only four home games and has four straight road dates, beginning with Syracuse on October 14.

KENT

Kent's only victories under first-year coach Jim Corrigan were over the two teams that trailed them in the standings, Akron and Ohio. Hopes for an improvement in a 2-9 record rest with the return of 10 starters on offense. Quarterback Mike Challenger completed 50 percent of his with only five interceptions, despite being slowed by a midseason shoulder injury. Tailback Astron Whatley was Kent's first 1,000-yard rusher (1,003 yards and 10 touchdowns) since 1988 and had 23 catches while being named the MAC Freshman of the Year. He rejoins the four other backs from 1994. Lance Hansen had 17 catches, including Kent's longest of the year at 36 yards, and tight end Mark Porter added 14. The veteran line includes tackles Steve Zahursky and Brian Paroda, guards Steve DeLucia and Donnie White, and center Bob Hallen.

Kent's defense, which yielded 356 yards a game, keeps only ends Mike Barry and Steve Szymanowski, who combined for 14 tackles for losses, including eight sacks, and free safety Robert Moore.

AKRON

Former Ohio State assistant Lee Owens faces the herculean task of trying to restore respectability to the Akron program, which went 1-10 last season under Gerry Faust. A former coach at high school football factory Massillon, Owens has the in-state contacts to turn things around. At least Akron starts the year with a one-game winning streak, a 24-10 triumph over Ohio. But the Zips allowed 145 points during one three-game stretch and opponents averaged 37 points.

The Zips have 15 regulars back, but a battle looms at quarterback among Brian Magrell, Mike Junko, and original starter Matt Kaulig, who is returning from a hamstring injury. Terrell Dixon and Greg Lomax have an edge at tailback and speedy wide receiver Lew Lawhorn returns after sitting out a season. Chad Zgonc came on fast as a freshman tight end. The line will be built around tackle Brian Gabriesheski and guard Andy Kittle.

The defensive front features Jason Taylor, Mack Warren, Al Holmes, Ray Edmonds, and Lamont Brown. Darwin Wilson is the only starter back at linebacker, where Nate Boyd showed ability. Free safety John Harpring is the centerpiece of the secondary and Jaiye Murdock and Bryan Coles hold down the corners.

OHIO

Coming off an 0-11 season in which they were shut out three times, the Bobcats will try to rebuild under first-year coach Jim Grobe. Former coach Tom Lichtenberg took another athletic department position after five years at the helm.

"Our success will be tied, to a great extent, to our ability to find someone to run the offense," said Grobe, who inherited Sam Vink and Bob Bees at the position. Vink completed only 46 percent of his passes, with 11 interceptions, and Bees completed just 28 percent, with five. Returning offensive starters include wide receiver T.J. Martin, running back Lakarlos Townsend (676 yards), and linemen Matt DeWitt and Jason Caudill. Six starters are back on defense: nose guard Mario Daniel, end Burt Brooks, safety Damiso Johnson, and linebackers Benny King, Jabaar Thompson, and Charles Owens. Punter Paul Hamilton and place-kicker Scott Roberts also return.

"We are teaching an entirely different defense from what they ran last season, so I am a little concerned as to how quickly we can get comfortable with the new scheme," Grobe said.

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1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Tennessee Tech
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4. Middle Tennessee State
5. Southeast Missouri State
6. Murray State
7. Tennessee-Martin
8. Austin Peay
9. Morehead State

Little has changed in the past 15 years of OVC football, where Eastern Kentucky continues to dominate. Since winning I-AA titles in 1979 and '82, the Colonels have made the

playoffs 15 times and gone 8-0 in the conference in each of the past two seasons. The string is likely to continue because Roy Kidd enters his 32nd season in Richmond with 15 returning starters, including six first-team all-OVC players.

Eastern Kentucky did suffer some eligibility losses, most notably tailback Eric Clay. He rushed for 1,056 yards last year before being tackled by an algebra class, and he subsequently transferred to Campbellsville College. Eastern led the Ohio Valley in total defense (281.5 yards per game) and scoring defense (14.0).

Middle Tennessee State is a perennial contender but must replace quarterback Kelly Holcomb and tailback Kippy Bayless. Tennessee Tech finished strongly after a poor start and Southeast Missouri State has a veteran squad.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

(10-3) The offense will be directed by junior Greg Couch, who led the Colonels to the OVC title as a freshman but yielded the position last fall to former Penn State quarterback John Sacca, who finished his career by passing for 1,580 yards and 11 touchdowns. Couch will throw to Bobby Washington, a 5-8 sophomore, and Dialleo Burks, each of whom made 33 grabs. William Murrell and Robert Bouldin should pick up some slack left by the departure of tailback Eric Clay. Also in the picture is 215-pound junior Daymon Carter, a transfer from Kentucky who broke several of O.J. Simpson's junior college records while playing for City College of San Francisco.

They'll operate behind a solid line that includes James Hand, a I-AA All-America, and Jason Combs. Tight end Chris Whitefield will share time with Jason Dunn. The Colonels pick up tailback Drew Hall and tight end Sanford Baskin after they sat out the '94 season. All-OVC punter Marc Collins hit 12 of 16 field-goals and 44 of 45 extra points.

The defense is anchored by linebacker Tony McCombs. Twenty-six of his 146 tackles came against national champion Youngstown State. Free safety Chris Guyton and strong safety Joe S. Smith earned all-league honors. They rejoin Bob Head in a veteran secondary. Linebacker Victor Hyland probably was lost for the season following surgery on an injured left knee.

TENNESSEE STATE

Tennessee State drew over 50,000 for neutral-site games against Jackson State and South Carolina State and attracted 39,543 for a game in Nashville against Florida A&M. Yet five other TSU games had crowds under 5,000. The Tigers were just as inconsistent. They lost their first two, won the next two, lost two more, then won two. A 17-12 loss to Southeast Missouri finished a 5-6 year that should improve with 15 starters returning.

Tennessee State will be led by linebacker Michael Holcey, who had eight sacks among 16 tackles for losses. Free safety Darrell Williams was in on 100 tackles and averaged 11.1 yards on punt returns and 24.4 on kickoff returns. The defensive line features tackles Keith Collins and Jim

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Lackey and the secondary has Victor Bonds and Clifford Green. Thomas Jackson teams with Holcey at linebacker.

Quarterback Daryl Williams, who threw for 1,531 yards but had 13 interceptions, is back. His receivers include Clarence Jones and Lawrence Segree, each of whom had 54 catches, and Rommie Vasser; his protection will be provided by returnees Dorian Clark, Royce McGowan, and Dan Pride.

TENNESSEE TECH

Encouraged by an 8-3 record in 1993, the Golden Eagles won three of their first four en route to what they had hoped would be a challenging position in the OVC race. Instead, they lost four straight in mid-season, were buried (31-3) by Middle Tennessee State in the finale, and ended 5-6.

Turnovers and inconsistencies haunted Tennessee Tech, but the presence of 16 returning starters defense may help the Eagles recover their '93 form. Michael Penix, who ran for 932 yards after a 1,037-yard season in '93, could be the cornerstone of a comeback. Sophomore Greg Triplett or junior college transfer Jamie Sander will replace quarterback Mike Jones, who was second in the OVC in passing and total offense. Dewayne McIntyre is entrenched at fullback and Gerald Bentley and Brad Perry combined for 56 catches. Tight end Scott Trent had 23 receptions and was second-team all-OVC. Offensive guard Chris Reid is a two-time all-league selection and returns with tackles Mark Trent and Mike Lytle.

Several switches were made on defense, where Jim Nelson is set at end and Adam Wright becomes an interior lineman. Former linebacker Marcus Patton will be the other end and Jamie McBryar moves from end to tackle. Linebackers include Jeff Moran and Trent McNaull. Brad Simmons and Robert Taylor lend strength to the secondary.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Coach Boots Donnelly enters his 17th season at with multiple questions about his offense, which retains only center Theron Bean, tackle Burt Talley, and fullback Robbie Roberts. Gone is tailback Kippy Bayless, a two-time OVC Offensive Player of the Year who ran for 1,346 yards and 15 touchdowns last fall. Also missing is four-year starting quarterback Kelly Holcomb, a 60 percent passer who threw for 15 scores. Junior college transfer Gabe Garcia will be in the quarterback mix with junior Bryan Davis and redshirt freshman Shelby Parker. Kevin Bay Anderson also will get a look when he reports from Joliet (IL) Junior College. Flanker Cory Simpson, split end Dennis Mimms, and tight end Corey Teague also must be replaced with Demetric Mostiller likely to emerge as the Blue Raiders' top receiver.

Defensive losses hit hardest in the secondary, where three openings persist. Linebacking should be solid with Nathaniel Claybrooks and Kris White. Anthony Hicks, who led the team in tackles in '93, returns after missing a season with knee surgery. The schedule doesn't allow for a learning cycle. The Blue Raiders meet I-AA power Georgia Southern September 9 in the Geor-

gia Dome in Atlanta and close at Texas A&M on November 18. And they must travel to tradition rival Eastern Kentucky.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

(7-5) The Indians posted their best record since moving to Division I-AA, giving indication that they could make a run for the OVC title this fall. They returns 18 starters from a third-place team. Senior Shane Kennedy, who started six games before injuring a shoulder, and sophomore Fred Hoston will compete at quarterback. Southern Cal transfer Conrad Coleman is the likely starting tailback, supported by converted receiver Dione Tyler, who ranked fifth nationally in punt returns. Stanley Parker is at fullback. A veteran line includes seniors Brian Raterman and Jeff Rehberger and juniors Durand Frierson, Justin Landers, and Roy Miller.

Junior nose guard Angel Rubio anchors the defense. Bobby Haggerty, Sondra Rhodes, and Brian Burton head the linebacking corps and Greg Klund, Ron Smith, Frank Russell, and Marquis Walker make up one of the OVC's better secondaries.

"The strength of our team should be our offensive line and our linebackers and secondary," coach John Mumford said. "We need to develop an offense that scores more points and we will have to be patient with a young defensive front."

MURRAY STATE

The Racers' last winning season was in 1989, but a 5-6 record could be improved with the return of 10 defensive starters. The main man is 1993 I-AA All-America end Anthony Hutch, who had a school-record 9.5 sacks and 15.5 tackles for losses two years ago but tore an anterior cruciate ligament in the season opener last fall and missed the rest of the year. The Racers also retain linebackers Chad Gann, whose 81 tackles led the team, and Ronnie Merritt plus back William Hampton, who led the Racers with four interceptions.

Four-year starting tailback Wayne McGowan is gone, but 210-pound David McCann may be switched from fullback. Mike Cherry, the No. 1 quarterback at Arkansas before the Razorbacks switched to a wishbone, is in line to take over the controls. Benji Bona, who started 10 games, probably will back up Cherry. Herman Taylor was moved from quarterback to wide receiver, where he joins Kwabene Idlette and Reginal Swinton. Tight end Xavier Shephard had 20 catches. The line retains only Mike Ruppe and Mike Cutter.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN

The Skyhawks, a new nickname, begin their fourth season in I-AA with 17 returning starters from a 5-6 squad. With such experience, coach Don McLeary is telling his players that this is the year they "turn the corner."

If so, Tennessee-Martin will build around a line that features 280-pound Brad Godwin, who led the team in sacks and tackles for losses. He is supported by former JC transfers Kevin Mawyer and LaShone Brown, and by sophomore Antonio Strobbridge. Former linebacker Chris Wiley moves to end after sitting out last season. JC transfers Lance

Lee and Chris Marlow and former backup Eric Hrin will compete for middle linebacker. On the outside are Kevin Fredrick, Carlton Sisco, and Craig Reynolds with James Brown and Preston in the secondary.

Todd Mather is the quarterback and there is depth at running back with Jason Johnson, Randy Brown, and Nikki Jackson and receiver with Maurice Blakemore, Lenny Harris, and Deumaine Reeder. Former QB Chad Brewer will be the tight end and the line features Will Woody, Richard Coure, and Jason Lawrence. Two more JCs, Byron Kimbrew and Justin Polosky, could contribute.

AUSTIN PEAY

The Governors lost three regulars from a 4-7 team, which came on the heels of a 1-10 record in 1993: all-OVC defensive end Brian Harvey, offensive tackle Neil Booker, and punter Richard Hogan.

Continuing attempts to get his best 22 players on the field, coach Roy Gregory is moving outside linebacker Jeff Gooch to rover. That opens a spot for Semaj Jackson, who had three sacks in limited play. The linebacking is solid with Jermaine Moore, Phillip Hancock, and Thomas Williams. Gooch's move strengthens a secondary that includes Dennis Friendly, James Simpson, and Michael Swift. The defensive line features three-year starter Marcus Watkins and Bobby Montgomery at tackles and Willie Little at end.

Daniel Williams has the inside edge at quarterback and operates behind a line led by Steve Haywood, Brandon Brown, Landon Dunaway, and John Crabbe. Kevin Feldman is the incumbent at tight end and Garry Williams and Antone Thrift return at wide receiver. Former walk-on Jacob Dickson was the top runner and operates between wishbone halfbacks Chris Horton and Jesse Smith. David Young converted 33 of 35 PATs and made seven straight field goals as a freshman.

MOREHEAD STATE

Second-year coach Matt Ballard has made some strides toward rebuilding the Eagles, even if last season's 0-11 record indicates otherwise. Depth could be a problem, but several underclassmen who saw extended action in 1994 should benefit from the experience. Morehead's best player probably is junior safety Cliff Freeman, who led the team in tackles while contributing three interceptions and three tackles for losses. Carl Mack, like Freeman a product of Louisville Male High, gives the Eagles a good cornerback. Bullard will shift his defense from a 3-4 to a 4-3, using 275-pound sophomores Mackenzie McKnight and Travis Ellen as the tackles. Scott Marsh anchors the linebackers.

Only one starter is gone from the offensive line, where guard Todd Neace (6-4, 300) holds court. He'll work alongside Tommy Lytle, Stuart Cook, Mike Apple, and Chris Corcoran. J.P. Blair threw for 905 yards as a freshman but has to cut down on his 10 interceptions. Replacements are needed elsewhere in the backfield, but versatile Chris Berry may fill one spot. □

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For the most part, Hank Ives is a conservative guy in a not-so-conservative California who won't go out on a limb unless he's darn sure the fall won't be too far or the damage too extensive. So when Ives, proprietor of the nationally renowned *JC Grid Wire* for the past 35 years, says that a dozen or so teams could win the mythical national junior college championship, believe him.

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Odell Collins	RB	Merced, CA	Georgia
Brian Comer	WR	L.A. Valley, CA	California
Vernon Crawford	LB	San Francisco	Florida State
Mark Culver	OL	North Iowa	Northern Iowa
Keith Drayton	DL	NW Mississippi	Georgia
Chad Embra	DL	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Baylor
Marc Goodson	LB	Laney, CA	San Jose State
Damian Harrell	WR	San Francisco	Florida State
Gary Haynes	DL	Trinity Valley, TX	Houston
Eric Janeau	OL	Garden City, KS	Kansas State
Rashee Johnson	DB	San Francisco	Arizona
George Jones	RB	Bakersfield, CA	San Diego State
Walter Jones	OL	Holmes, MS	Florida State
Ken Kronquist	OL	Foothill, CA	Columbia
Ian McCutcheon	OL	Cerritos, CA	Arizona
Frank Middleton	DL	Fort Scott, KS	Arizona
Jermaine Miles	DL	Nassau, NY	Georgia Tech
Greg Minnatee	WR	Sacramento, CA	Fresno State
Ben Rutz	QB	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Kansas
Steve Sarkisian	QB	El Camino, CA	Brigham Young
Dalmon Shelton	RB	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
Kerry Siverand	DB	Navarro, TX	West Virginia
Cody Lee Smith	QB	Mt. San Antonio, CA	Kansas State
Henry Thomas	DL	Hutchinson, KS	Missouri
Jabbar Threats	DL	Garden City, KS	Michigan State
Alex Vega	OL	Merced, CA	Georgia
Chris Windsor	QB	Garden City, KS	Southern Miss

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Yahmani Adams	WR	Jones, MS
Rodney Artmore	FS	Garden City, KS
John Avery	RB	NW Mississippi
Aaron Buckner	QB	San Diego Mesa, CA
David Camacho	OT	L.A. Harbor, CA
Dirk Christofferson	TE	Dixie, UT
Corey Dillon	RB	Garden City, KS
Chris Estes	K	Mesa, AZ
Andre Holmes	SS	Rancho Santiago, CA
Cledius Hunt	DL	NW Mississippi
Chris Johnson	TE	Mt. San Jacinto, CA
Corey Kelly	RB	Cerritos, CA
Excel Lucas	CB	Hutchinson, KS
Saladin McCullough	RB	El Camino, CA
Justin Meek	OT	Bakersfield, CA
Maurice Miller	DL	Itawamba, MS
Omar Morgan	CB	El Camino, CA
David Muir	QB	L.A. Pierce, CA
Michael Myers	DT	Hinds, MS
Keith Parker	WR	Contra Costa, CA
Scott Patton	SS	Saddleback, CA
Frank Sinclair	RB	Fresno, CA
Garth White	LB	Siskiyous, CA
Sammy Williams	OL	Coffeyville, KS

"It's more difficult to predict what will happen among jucos than at any other level. Players are there for only two years, and until they check in for their first day at school, you don't know who'll show up," said Ives. "But four-year college coaches are looking at juco kids like never before. They may recruit only one player, but they still want to know who's out there and who's getting the good players."

Since 77 of the nation's 158 JC football schools are in California, it's no secret that most of the top programs, including-tradition rich El Camino, which has had seven winning seasons in the last 10 years, are on the west coast. El Camino shapes up as No. 1 in the land, although Trinity Valley (TX), Northwest Mississippi, Fresno City College (CA), and Garden City (KS) could challenge for the championship.

EL CAMINO, which plays in the Mission Conference in southern California, arguably the top juco conference, will win again with home-grown players: All but 34 in the last 10 seasons have been from California. "Our recruiting in-state is really competitive," said John Featherstone, whose team's cornerstone will be an offense that includes seven returning starters and features tailback Saladin McCullough. "We have 72 jucos in a 400-mile radius and we just try to outwork everyone else. If you don't pound the pavement hard for six months, you're in trouble."

McCullough (5-9, 185), a Marshall Faulk-type back, is a Pasadena transfer who originally signed with USC. Tackle Ryan Winkler (6-4, 275) and center Darin Sagapulu (6-2, 275), a native of Hawaii, will make McCullough's job easier. Finding a quarterback to fill the big shoes of Steve Sarkisian, who passed for 3,659 yards and 37 TDs in 1994 and has moved on to Brigham Young, is the biggest task for the Warriors. El Camino also has one of the top defensive linemen in the country in Dan Dorsey (6-1, 290).

At **TRINITY VALLEY**, a Texas-sized part of coach Randy Pippin's ability to coax victories out of his players comes from faith. "We have a championship spirit among us," said Pippin. Since he took charge of the program, Trinity Valley has rung up an 8-1-2 record in 1993 and a 12-0 mark and a No. 1 final ranking last year, according to the *JC Grid Wire*.

Expecting the Cardinals to dominate as they did last season, outdoing opponents 42-11 on the scoreboard and 444-244 in total yards, might be too much, especially with 24 sophomores moving on to four-year college scholarships. But running back Lamont Randall, offensive tackle Henry McClendon (6-4, 275), cornerback Devon Pender, and defensive lineman Ramon Lee (6-6, 330), a taller William Perry, are real deals.

NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI has an experienced coach in Bobby Franklin, a secondary and special-teams' assistant with the Dallas Cowboys and the Baltimore Colts, and 15 starters back from a 7-3 team. "It looks good," said Franklin, who has a 124-31-6 record in 15 seasons. "I like the fact we have an experienced quarterback. It's unbelievable to have a quarterback as good as he is in the jucos."

Brian Sparacino completed 58 percent for 2,398 yards. But no team can key on him because sophomores John Avery, a durable 1,351-yard rusher, and wide receivers Andre Rone, who caught 60 passes for 1,002 yards, and Terence Samuels, who's being recruited by Alabama, Georgia, and Florida State, will make them pay. Defensively, Franklin hopes tackle Cledius Hunt (6-4, 290) follows in the shoes of Cortez Kennedy (1987-88), the school's most prominent grid graduate. If that's not enough, there are Chad Henderson (6-4, 275), a defensive lineman, Travis Hardin (6-11, 325), an offensive lineman, and Dante Hickey, a free safety/running back.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE may be far removed from the mass of California JCs, but it's still darn good, with seven returning starters. If the Rams can win more close games (having lost four by 15 total points in 9-2 campaigns in 1993-94), even better things are ahead. "We'll put up points," said coach John Volek, who has taken six of his last seven teams to bowl games. Tailback Frankie Sinclair (1,094 yards) is a proven star who will have pressure alleviated on him when the ball is tossed to wide receiver Damion Shelton. Bookend tackles Corey Quinn and Adam Houts (6-4, 270 each) and guards Phillip Tawillili (6-3, 335) and Denver Stairs (6-3, 260) give the Rams lots of ram.

GARDEN CITY is the most unlikely team among the five in the championship hunt. The Broncbusters, who are guided by Jeff Leiker, 33, one of the country's brightest young juco coaches, are annually mostly small-town Kansas high school players. "They may not be well-known, but they have good work habits," said Leiker. Back for more off a 10-1 mark are tailbacks Corey Dillon, a shifty but physical 1,000 yard rusher from Seattle, WA, and Tywone Kingsby, a grass-burner from Haynesville, LA. The team's best defender is free safety Rodney Artmore.

The biggest gap could be at quarterback, where lightning-quick Chris Windsor, who had 2,043 yards and 24 TDs to go with only three interceptions, took his act to Southern Mississippi. Leiker expects Nebraska transfer John Elder to make a smooth transition. He went through two-a-days with the national champion Cornhuskers last fall before leaving.

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Saturday, August 26
Virginia at Michigan 12:00 Noon (ABC)

Sunday, August 27
Ohio State vs. Boston College 2:00 PM (ABC)

Saturday, September 2
Northwestern at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)
LSU at Texas A&M 3:30 PM (ABC)
Florida State vs. Duke 3:30 PM (ABC)
Michigan at Illinois 3:30 PM (ABC)
Arizona State at Washington 3:30 PM (ABC)
Colorado at Wisconsin 8:00 PM (ABC)
Miami @ UCLA 8:00 PM (ABC)

Thursday, September 7
Boston College at Virginia Tech 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 9
Texas Tech at Penn State 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Florida State at Clemson 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Nebraska at Michigan State 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Notre Dame at Purdue 3:30 PM (ABC)
Georgia at Tennessee 6:30 PM (ESPN)
UCLA at BYU 7:00 PM (ABC)
Colorado State at Colorado 9:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, September 14
Texas Christian at Kansas 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 16
Vanderbilt at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)
Tennessee at Florida 3:30 PM (ABC)
Pittsburgh at Texas 3:30 PM (ABC)
Colorado State at Air Force 3:30 PM (ABC)
Washington at Ohio State 3:30 PM (ABC)
Oregon at UCLA 3:30 PM (ABC)
San Diego State at Brigham Young 9:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, September 21
North Carolina at Louisville 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 23
Texas at Notre Dame 11:30 AM (NBC)

Thursday, September 28
Maryland at Georgia Tech 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 30
Wisconsin at Penn State 5:45 PM (ESPN)
Colorado at Oklahoma 8:45 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, October 5
Mississippi State at Auburn 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, October 7
Miami at Florida State 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, October 21
USC at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)

Saturday, October 28
Boston College at Notre Dame 3:00 PM (NBC)

Thursday, November 2
Florida State at Virginia 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 4
Navy at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)

Thursday, November 9
Texas A&M at Rice 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, November 23
Georgia at Georgia Tech 11:00 AM (ABC)
Baylor at Texas 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Friday, November 24
Boston College at Rutgers 11:00 AM (ABC)
North Carolina at NC State 11:00 AM (ABC)
Purdue at Indiana 11:00 AM (ABC)
Oklahoma at Nebraska 2:30 PM (ABC)
Pittsburgh at West Virginia 4:00 PM (ESP)
Arizona at Arizona State 6:00 PM (ABC)

Saturday, November 25
Grambling vs. Southern 3:30 PM (NBC)

Saturday, December 2
Army vs. Navy 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Texas at Texas A&M 3:30 PM (ABC)
SEC Championship Game 7:30 PM (ABC)

Monday, December 25
Blue-Gray Classic 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)

Thursday, December 28
Freedom Bowl 7:30 PM (TBA)

Friday, December 29
Sun Bowl 2:30 PM (CBS)

Saturday, December 30
Carquest Bowl 7:30 PM (TBS)
Peach Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, December 31
Sugar Bowl 7:30 PM (ABC)

Monday, January 1
Outback Bowl 11:00 AM (ESPN)
Gator Bowl 1:00 PM (NBC)
Florida Citrus Bowl 1:00 PM (ABC)
Cotton Bowl 1:30 PM (CBS)
Rose Bowl 4:30 PM (ABC)
Orange Bowl 8:00 PM (CBS)

Tuesday, January 2
Fiesta Bowl 8:00 PM (CBS)

Saturday, January 13
East-West Shrine Game 4:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, January 20
Senior Bowl TBA (TBA)

* NIGHT GAME + HOME GAME ALL TIMES EASTERN

AIR FORCE Air Force Academy, CO

S. 2	Brigham Young+	21-45
S. 9	Wyoming+	34-17
S. 16	Colorado St.+	21-34
S. 23	Northwestern	10-14
S. 30	New Mexico*	
O. 7	UTEP+	47-7
O. 14	Navy	43-21
O. 21	Utah	40-33
O. 28	Fresno St.*	42-7
N. 11	Army+	10-6
N. 18	Notre Dame+	30-42
N. 25	Hawaii*	37-24

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Blue & Silver
Nickname: Falcons • 1994 Record: 8-4

AKRON Akron, OH

S. 2	Eastern Michigan+	18-42
S. 16	Bowling Green	0-45
S. 23	Kansas St.*	
S. 30	Central Michigan+	0-47
O. 7	Western Michigan	6-19
O. 14	Virginia Tech	
O. 21	Ohio University+	24-10
O. 28	Kent+	16-32
N. 4	Youngstown St.+	7-41
N. 11	Toledo	25-48
N. 18	Miami (Ohio)	14-50

Coach: Lee Owens • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1994 Record: 1-10

ALABAMA at BIRMINGHAM Birmingham, AL

S. 2	Alabama St.+	24-27
S. 9	SW Louisiana*	
S. 16	Jacksonville St.+	12-28
S. 23	Western Kentucky*	22-31
S. 30	Middle Tenn. St.*	
O. 7	Wofford+	34-27
O. 14	North Texas	
O. 28	Troy St.	
N. 4	Charleston Southern+	54-14
N. 11	Knox+	
N. 18	Miles+	

Coach: Watson Brown • Colors: Green, Gold, & White • Nickname: Blazers • 1994 Record: 7-4

ALABAMA University, AL

S. 2	Vanderbilt*	17-7
S. 9	Southern Mississippi+	14-6
S. 16	Arkansas+	13-6
S. 30	Georgia	29-28
O. 7	North Carolina St.+	
O. 14	Tennessee+	17-13
O. 21	Mississippi	21-10
O. 28	North Texas+	
N. 4	Louisiana St.+	35-17
N. 11	Mississippi St.+	29-25
N. 18	Auburn	21-14

Coach: Gene Stallings • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1994 Record: 11-1

ALABAMA ST. Montgomery, AL

S. 2	Alabama-Birmingham	27-24
S. 9	Southern-B. R.+	0-31
S. 16	Alcorn St. @*	7-39
S. 23	Troy St.+	27-49
O. 7	Jackson St. #	6-24
O. 14	Texas Southern*	28-14
O. 21	Prairie View+	54-13
O. 28	Alabama A&M S.	26-0
N. 4	Grambling+	24-51
N. 11	Mississippi Valley	33-24
N. 24	Tuskegee+	37-35

@ At Mobile, AL # At Detroit, MI
\$ At Birmingham, AL

Coach: Houston Markham • Colors: Black & Old Gold • Nickname: Hornets • 1994 Record: 6-5

ALCORN ST. Lorman, MS

S. 2	Grambling+	56-62
S. 9	Sam Houston St.*	23-48
S. 16	Alabama St. @*	39-7
S. 23	Texas Southern*	28-21
S. 30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
O. 7	Howard #	
O. 14	Prairie View+	69-14
O. 21	Southern-B. R.*	41-37
O. 28	Samford+	45-45
N. 4	Mississippi Valley St.+	49-24
N. 18	Jackson St.	52-34

@ At Mobile, AL # At Indianapolis, IN
Coach: Cardell Jones • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves • 1994 Record: 8-2-1

APPALACHIAN ST. Boone, NC

S. 2	Wake Forest*	10-12
S. 9	Edinboro+*	
S. 16	North Carolina A&T	45-0
S. 30	East Tennessee St.+	30-13
O. 7	Furman	30-6
O. 14	Georgia Southern+	31-34
O. 21	Marshall*	24-14
O. 28	UT-Chattanooga+	30-16
N. 4	VMI	23-26
N. 11	Western Carolina+	12-7
N. 18	Citadel	56-14

Coach: Jerry Moore • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1994 Record: 8-3

ARIZONA Tucson, AZ

S. 2	Pacific (Cal.)+	
S. 7	Georgia Tech+*	19-14
S. 16	Illinois	
S. 23	Southern Cal.+	28-45
S. 30	California+	13-6
O. 14	UCLA	34-24
O. 21	Washington+	
O. 28	Washington St.	10-7
N. 4	Oregon St.	30-10
N. 11	Oregon+	9-10
N. 24	Arizona St.	28-27

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 8-3

ARIZONA ST. Tempe, AZ

S. 2	Washington	14-35
S. 9	UTEP+*	
S. 16	Nebraska	
S. 23	Oregon St.+	22-16
S. 30	Southern Cal	
O. 7	Stanford+	36-35
O. 14	Brigham Young+	36-15
O. 28	Oregon	10-34
N. 4	UCLA+	23-59
N. 11	California	21-25
N. 24	Arizona+	27-28

Coach: Bruce Snyder • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils • 1994 Record: 3-8

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR

S. 2	Southern Methodist*	34-14
S. 9	South Carolina+	0-14
S. 16	Alabama	6-13
S. 23	Memphis+	15-16
S. 30	Vanderbilt	42-6
O. 7	Tennessee+	21-38
O. 14	Mississippi @	31-7
O. 28	Auburn #	14-31
N. 4	Mississippi St. #	7-17
N. 11	SW Louisiana+	
N. 25	Louisiana St. #	12-30

@ At Memphis, TN
At Little Rock, AR
Coach: Danny Ford • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks • 1994 Record: 4-7

ARKANSAS ST. State University, AR

S. 2	Utah St.+	
S. 9	Nevada-Las Vegas*	
S. 16	Southern Illinois+	41-14
S. 23	Louisiana Tech*	14-20
S. 30	Minnesota*	
O. 7	SW Louisiana+	0-26
O. 14	Texas Tech*	
N. 4	San Jose St.+	
N. 11	Northern Illinois	16-38
N. 18	Mississippi Valley+	

Coach: John Bobo • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians • 1994 Record: 1-10

ARMY West Point, NY

S. 9	Lehigh+	
S. 16	Duke+	7-43
S. 23	Washington	
S. 30	Rice+	
O. 14	Notre Dame @	
O. 21	Boston College	3-30
O. 28	Colgate+	
N. 4	East Carolina+	
N. 11	Air Force	6-10
N. 18	Bucknell+	
D. 2	Navy #	22-20

@ At East Rutherford, NJ
At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: Bob Sutton • Colors: Black, Gold, Gray • Nickname: Cadets, Black Knights
1994 Record: 4-7

AUBURN Auburn, AL

S. 2	Mississippi+	22-17
S. 9	UT-Chattanooga+	
S. 16	Louisiana State+	30-26
S. 30	Kentucky+	41-14
O. 5	Mississippi St.+	42-18
O. 14	Florida+	36-33
O. 21	Western Michigan+	
O. 28	Arkansas+	31-14
N. 4	NE Louisiana+	44-12
N. 11	Georgia	23-23
N. 18	Alabama+	14-21

@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Terry Bowden • Colors: Burnt Orange & Navy Blue • Nickname: Tigers
1994 Record: 9-1-1

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN

A. 31	Eastern Illinois+	
S. 9	Samford+	36-43
S. 16	Western Kentucky+	3-21
S. 23	SE Missouri St.+	10-31
S. 30	Murray St.+	14-29
O. 7	Middle Tenn. St.+	3-28
O. 14	Tennessee Tech	34-27
O. 21	Tennessee St.+	22-26
O. 28	Morehead St.	73-6
N. 11	Eastern Kentucky	14-27
N. 18	UT-Martín	27-21

Coach: Roy Gregory • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Governors • 1994 Record: 4-7

BALL ST. Muncie, IN

S. 2	Miami (Ohio)	21-24
S. 9	Western Illinois+	
S. 16	Minnesota+	
S. 23	Western Michigan+	16-13
S. 30	Purdue	21-49
O. 7	Toledo+	24-24
O. 14	Bowling Green+	36-59
O. 21	Eastern Michigan+	20-41
O. 28	Ohio University	21-14
N. 4	Kent	34-0
N. 11	Central Michigan+	31-28

Coach: Bill Lynch • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

BAYLOR Waco, TX

S. 2	Tulsa+	
S. 16	Mississippi St.+	
S. 23	North Carolina St.	
S. 30	Texas Tech+	7-38
O. 14	Houston+	52-13
O. 21	Texas A&M+	21-41
O. 28	Texas Christian+	42-18
N. 4	Miami (Fla.)	
N. 11	Southern Methodist	44-10
N. 18	Rice+	19-14
N. 23	Texas+	35-63

Coach: Chuck Reedy • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Bears • 1994 Record: 7-4

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Daytona Beach, FL

S. 2	Howard+	19-21
S. 9	Morgan St.+	41-0
S. 16	UT-Chattanooga	
S. 30	Hampton+	
O. 7	Norfolk St.	
O. 14	South Carolina St.+	26-28
O. 21	Albany St. (Ga.)	29-30
O. 28	North Carolina A&T+	28-24
N. 4	Central Florida	17-48
N. 11	Delaware St.	13-31
N. 25	Florida A&M+	27-24

@ At Tampa, FL

Coach: Jack McClair • Colors: Maroon & Gold • Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 5-6

BOISE ST. Boise, ID

S. 9	Utah St.+	
S. 16	Sam Houston St.+	
S. 23	Montana	38-14
S. 30	Northwestern St.+	
O. 7	Northern Arizona+	28-16
O. 14	Weber St.	24-17
O. 21	Idaho St.+	31-32
O. 28	Portland St.+	
N. 4	Eastern Washington+	16-13
N. 11	Montana St.+	38-10
N. 18	Idaho	27-24

Coach: Pokey Allen • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Broncos • 1994 Record: 10-1

BOSTON COLLEGE

Chestnut Hill, MA

A. 27	Ohio St.+	
S. 7	Virginia Tech	7-12
S. 16	Michigan+	26-34
S. 30	Michigan St.	
O. 7	Pittsburgh+	21-9
O. 14	West Virginia+	20-21
O. 21	Army+	30-3
O. 28	Notre Dame	30-11
N. 4	Temple	45-28
N. 11	Miami (Fla.)+	7-23
N. 18	Syracuse	31-0
N. 24	Rutgers	7-7

@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Dan Henning • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 6-4-1

BOSTON U. Boston, MA

S. 8	Villanova+	30-15
S. 16	Maine+	31-18
S. 23	Delaware+	
S. 30	Richmond	40-24
O. 7	James Madison	21-24
O. 14	Rhode Island+	45-23
O. 21	Northeastern+	35-14
O. 28	New Hampshire	51-52
N. 4	Connecticut	26-9
N. 11	Massachusetts+	28-24
N. 18	Buffalo	

Coach: Dan Allen • Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Terriers • 1994 Record: 9-2

BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green, OH

A. 31	Louisiana Tech+	
S. 9	Missouri	
S. 16	Akron+	45-0
S. 23	Central Michigan	33-36
S. 30	Temple+	
O. 7	Miami (Ohio)+	27-16
O. 14	Ball St.	59-36
O. 21	Toledo+	31-16
O. 28	Western Michigan	
N. 4	Ohio+	32-0
N. 11	Kent	22-16

Coach: Gary Blackney • Colors: Orange & Brown
Nickname: Falcons • 1994 Record: 9-2

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT

S. 2	Air Force	45-21
S. 9	UCLA+	
S. 16	San Diego St.+	35-28
S. 23	Wyoming+	
S. 30	Colorado St.	21-28
O. 14	Arizona St.+	15-36
O. 28	Hawaii+	13-12
N. 4	Tulsa+	
N. 11	New Mexico	49-47
N. 18	Utah+	31-34
N. 25	Fresno St.+	32-30

Coach: LaVell Edwards • Colors: Royal Blue & White • Nickname: Cougars • 1994 Record: 9-3

BROWN Providence, RI

S. 16	Yale	16-27
S. 23	Rhode Island+	32-29
S. 30	Holy Cross	20-18
O. 7	Princeton+	10-31
O. 14	Colgate+	26-7
O. 21	Pennsylvania	0-24
O. 28	Cornell+	16-3
N. 4	Harvard+	23-17
N. 11	Dartmouth	27-14
N. 18	Columbia+	59-27

Coach: Mark Whipple • Colors: Seal Brown, Cardinal & White • Nickname: Bears
1994 Record: 7-3

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA

S. 9	Southern Connecticut+	32-7
S. 16	Fordham	29-26
S. 23	Princeton	7-12
S. 30	Pennsylvania	
O. 7	Lehigh+	31-27
O. 14	Cornell	28-29
O. 21	Towson St.	41-28
O. 28	Lafayette+	14-56
N. 4	Holy Cross+	20-27
N. 11	Colgate	7-31
N. 18	Army	

Coach: Tom Gadd • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Bison • 1994 Record: 5-6

BUFFALO Buffalo, NY

S. 2	Fordham+	
S. 9	Lafayette+	
S. 16	Illinois St.+	7-17
S. 23	Connecticut	
S. 30	Villanova+	
O. 7	Maine+	24-21
O. 14	Massachusetts+	
O. 28	Hofstra+	21-34
N. 4	Central St. (Ohio)+	
N. 11	Youngstown St.	3-27
N. 18	Boston U.+	

Coach: Craig Cirbus • Colors: Buffalo Blue, White & Red • Nickname: Bulls • 1994 Record: 3-6

BUTLER Indianapolis, IN

S. 2	Howard Payne+	
S. 9	Towson St.	
S. 16	Millikin	
S. 23	Wis.-Stevens Point+	28-16
S. 30	Drake+	28-20
O. 7	Valparaiso+	14-20
O. 14	Dayton	31-24
O. 21	Thomas More+	
O. 28	Evansville	49-14
N. 4	San Diego+	38-21

Coach: Ken LaRose • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 7-3

CAL POLY SLO San Luis Obispo, CA

S. 2	Western Montana+	
S. 9	Idaho St.+	
S. 16	Montana St.+	
S. 23	Weber St.+	
O. 7	Southern Utah+	35-21
O. 14	Sonoma St.	64-30
O. 21	Cal St. Sacramento+	27-23
O. 28	St. Mary's (Cal.)	34-20
N. 4	Cal St. Northridge+	30-6
N. 11	UC Davis	32-31
N. 18	Eastern Washington+	7-61

Coach: Andre Patterson • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Mustangs • 1994 Record: 7-4

CAL ST. NORTHRIIDGE

Northridge, CA

S. 9	Menlo+	
S. 16	Idaho St.	
S. 23	Northern Arizona+	7-60
O. 7	SW Texas State	23-28
O. 14	Western New Mexico+	
O. 21	UC Davis+	52-13
O. 28	Southern Utah+	20-45
N. 4	Cal Poly SLO	6-30
N. 11	St. Mary's (Cal.)+	10-20
N. 18	Cal St. Sacramento+	22-23

Coach: Dave Baldwin • Colors: Red, White & Black • Nickname: Matadors • 1994 Record: 3-7

CAL ST. SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, CA

S. 9	Northern Arizona+	
S. 16	Eastern Washington+	
S. 23	Cal St. Chico+	43-7
S. 30	Portland St.+	28-47
O. 7	Hofstra+	
O. 14	SW Texas State+	
O. 21	Cal Poly SLO	23-27
O. 28	UC Davis+	24-27
N. 4	St. Mary's (Cal.)+	12-14
N. 11	Southern Utah+	27-16
N. 18	Cal St. Northridge	23-22

Coach: Mike Clemons • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1994 Record: 5-5

CALIFORNIA Berkeley, CA

S. 2	San Diego St.+	20-22
S. 9	Fresno St.+	
S. 23	San Jose St.+	55-0
S. 30	Arizona+	6-13
O. 7	Southern Cal+	0-61
O. 14	Oregon+	7-23
O. 21	Oregon St.	
O. 28	UCLA	26-7
N. 4	Washington St.+	23-26
N. 11	Arizona St.+	25-21
N. 18	Stanford	24-23

Coach: Keith Gilbertson • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Bears • 1994 Record: 4-7

CANISIUS Buffalo, NY

S. 9	Mercyhurst+	12-13
S. 16	Siena	28-7
S. 23	Gannon+	7-21
S. 30	Georgetown+	14-21
O. 7	Buffalo St.	6-31
O. 14	St. John's (N.Y.)+	22-34
O. 21	Marist+	0-13
O. 28	St. Peter's	36-15
N. 4	Iona+	7-14
N. 11	Duquesne	0-14

Coach: Chuck Williams • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Griffins • 1994 Record: 2-8

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.

New Britain, CT

S. 9	Albany (N.Y.)+	
S. 16	Connecticut	
S. 23	C. W. Post+	14-42
S. 30	Robert Morris	17-24
O. 7	Towson St.+	
O. 14	Siena+	
O. 21	St. Francis (Pa.)	24-21
O. 28	Wagner	21-28
N. 4	Southern Connecticut+	7-35
N. 11	Monmouth	13-14

Coach: Sal Cintorio • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils • 1994 Record: 4-6

CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, FL

A. 31	Eastern Kentucky+	
S. 9	Carson-Newman+	
S. 23	Florida St.	
S. 30	McNeese St.+	
O. 7	Samford+	35-36
O. 14	Liberty+	49-24
O. 21	Hawaii+	
O. 28	NE Louisiana+	33-16
N. 4	Bethune-Cookman+	48-17
N. 11	Troy St.+	38-39
N. 18	Maine+	28-6

Coach: Gene McDowell • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Golden Knights • 1994 Record: 7-4

CENTRAL MICH. Mt. Pleasant, MI

S. 9	Weber St.+	
S. 16	East Carolina	
S. 23	Bowling Green+	36-33
S. 30	Akron+	47-0
O. 7	Eastern Michigan+	30-29
O. 14	Youngstown St.	
O. 21	Kent+	45-0
O. 28	Miami (Ohio)+	32-30
N. 4	Toledo+	45-27
N. 11	Ball St.	28-31
N. 18	Western Michigan	35-28

Coach: Dick Flynn • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas • 1994 Record: 9-2

CHARLESTON SO. Charleston, SC

S. 2	UT-Chattanooga+	
S. 9	Presbyterian+	34-38
S. 16	South Carolina St.+	0-37
S. 23	Ferrum+	
S. 30	Morehead St.+	
O. 7	Newberry	19-50
O. 14	Troy St.+	20-55
O. 21	Hofstra	
O. 28	Liberty+	27-59
N. 4	Alabama-Birmingham	14-54
N. 11	Wofford+	33-54

Coach: David Dowd • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers • 1994 Record: 0-11

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S. 2	Kansas	
S. 9	Kansas St.+	
S. 16	Virginia Tech	
S. 23	Miami (Ohio)	17-17
S. 30	Toledo+	
O. 7	East Carolina+	21-35
O. 14	Southern Mississippi+	
O. 21	Memphis+	3-26
O. 28	Northern Illinois	
N. 4	Kentucky	
N. 18	Tulsa	28-13

Coach: Rick Minter • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats • 1994 Record: 2-8-1

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S. 2	Newberry+	48-20
S. 9	Wofford+	31-3
S. 16	Richmond	
S. 23	Western Carolina	38-42
O. 7	East Tennessee St.	34-56
O. 14	Furman+	52-44
O. 21	Georgia Southern	17-15
O. 28	Marshall+	30-42
N. 4	UT-Chattanooga	42-26
N. 11	VMI+	58-14
N. 18	Appalachian St.+	14-56

Coach: Charlie Taaffe • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 5-6

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S. 2	Western Carolina+	
S. 9	Florida St.+	0-17
S. 16	Wake Forest*	24-8
S. 23	Virginia+	6-9
S. 30	North Carolina St.	12-29
O. 7	Georgia+	14-40
O. 21	Maryland	13-0
O. 28	Georgia Tech	20-10
N. 4	North Carolina+	28-17
N. 11	Duke+	13-19
N. 18	South Carolina	7-33

Coach: Tommy West • Colors: Purple & Orange
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 5-6

COLGATE Hamilton, NY

S. 9	Northeastern	
S. 16	Lehigh+	22-25
S. 23	Harvard+	27-35
S. 30	Princeton+	3-29
O. 7	Fordham+	35-6
O. 14	Brown	7-26
O. 21	Dartmouth	20-16
O. 28	Army	
N. 4	Lafayette	6-14
N. 11	Bucknell+	31-7
N. 18	Holy Cross	6-27

Coach: Ed Sweeney • Colors: Maroon
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1994 Record: 3-8

COLORADO Boulder, CO

S. 2	Wisconsin*	55-17
S. 9	Colorado St.+	
S. 16	NE Louisiana+	48-13
S. 23	Texas A&M+	
S. 30	Oklahoma*	45-7
O. 7	Kansas+	51-26
O. 21	Iowa St.	41-20
O. 28	Nebraska+	7-24
N. 4	Oklahoma St.	17-3
N. 11	Missouri+	38-23
N. 18	Kansas St.	35-21

Coach: Rick Neuheisel • Colors: Silver, Gold & Black
 Nickname: Buffaloes • 1994 Record: 10-1

COLORADO ST. Fort Collins, CO

S. 2	Montana St.+	
S. 9	Colorado*	
S. 16	Air Force	34-21
S. 30	Brigham Young+	28-21
O. 7	Utah St.*	41-16
O. 14	Utah	31-45
O. 21	New Mexico+	38-31
O. 28	Wyoming	35-24
N. 4	UTEP+	47-9
N. 11	Hawaii+	
N. 25	San Diego St.	19-17

Coach: Sonny Lubick • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1994 Record: 10-1

COLUMBIA New York, NY

S. 16	Harvard	32-39
S. 23	St. Mary's (Cal.)+	
S. 30	Lafayette	28-13
O. 7	Pennsylvania+	3-12
O. 14	Lehigh+	28-28
O. 21	Yale+	30-9
O. 28	Princeton	17-10
N. 4	Dartmouth+	13-14
N. 11	Cornell	38-33
N. 18	Brown	27-59

Coach: Ray Tetlow • Colors: Columbia Blue & White
 Nickname: Lions • 1994 Record: 5-4-1

CONNECTICUT Storrs, CT

S. 9	New Hampshire+	19-20
S. 16	Central Connecticut+	
S. 23	Buffalo+	
S. 30	Yale	17-28
O. 7	Villanova	26-10
O. 14	Maine	31-35
O. 21	Rhode Island	33-16
O. 28	Northeastern+	
N. 4	Boston U.+	9-26
N. 11	James Madison	20-48
N. 18	Massachusetts+	21-13

Coach: Skip Holtz • Colors: National Flag Blue & White
 Nickname: Huskies • 1994 Record: 4-7

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S. 16	Princeton	31-16
S. 23	Holy Cross+	
S. 30	Dartmouth	17-14
O. 7	Harvard+	18-13
O. 14	Bucknell+	29-28
O. 21	Lehigh	21-17
O. 28	Brown	3-16
N. 4	Yale+	14-24
N. 11	Columbia+	33-38
N. 18	Pennsylvania	14-18

Coach: Jim Hether • Colors: Carnelian & White
 Nickname: Big Red • 1994 Record: 6-4

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S. 16	Pennsylvania	11-13
S. 23	Fordham	31-14
S. 30	Cornell+	14-17
O. 7	Lafayette+	27-15
O. 14	Yale	14-13
O. 21	Colgate+	16-20
O. 28	Harvard	12-35
N. 4	Columbia	14-13
N. 11	Brown+	14-27
N. 18	Princeton+	13-20

Coach: John Lyons • Colors: Dartmouth Green & White
 Nickname: Big Green
 1994 Record: 4-6

DAVIDSON Davidson, NC

S. 9	Sewanee+	26-14
S. 16	Maryville (Tenn.)+	14-19
S. 23	Emory & Henry	7-34
S. 30	Guilford	14-34
O. 7	Washington & Lee	3-9
O. 14	Methodist+	9-6
O. 21	Randolph-Macon	14-28
O. 28	Hampton-Sydney+	7-12
N. 4	Centre	7-9
N. 11	Bridgewater (Va.)+	37-6

Coach: Tim Landis • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 3-7

DAYTON Dayton, OH

S. 2	Albany (N.Y.)+	
S. 9	San Diego+	42-24
S. 16	Towson St.+	
S. 23	Wis.-Platteville	
S. 30	Georgetown (Ky.)+	32-29
O. 14	Butler+	24-31
O. 21	Drake	24-7
O. 28	Valparaiso+	30-13
N. 4	Evansville	24-0
N. 11	West Virginia St.+	
N. 18	Wofford	

Coach: Mike Kelly • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Flyers • 1994 Record: 8-2

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S. 9	West Chester+	58-55
S. 16	Villanova+	38-31
S. 23	Boston U.	
S. 30	Northeastern	42-20
O. 7	Youngstown St.+	
O. 14	Richmond+	28-3
O. 21	James Madison	10-30
O. 28	Maine+	13-19
N. 4	William & Mary+	7-31
N. 11	Navy	
N. 18	Rhode Island	26-7

Coach: Harold Raymond • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens
 1994 Record: 7-3-1

DELAWARE ST. Dover, DE

S. 2	Rhode Island+	28-26
S. 16	Liberty+	22-17
S. 30	Norfolk St.+	
O. 7	Hampton	
O. 14	Florida A&M+	18-25
O. 21	Morgan St.+	50-21
O. 28	South Carolina St.	38-42
N. 4	North Carolina A&T	31-10
N. 11	Bethune-Cookman+	31-13
N. 18	Howard+	35-24

Coach: William Collick • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Hornets • 1994 Record: 7-4

DRAKE Des Moines, IA

S. 2	Missouri Western St.+	
S. 9	St. Ambrose*	19-0
S. 16	Wis.-La Crosse	
S. 23	Aurora+	26-0
S. 30	Butler	20-28
O. 7	Evansville+	31-21
O. 14	Valparaiso	23-3
O. 21	Dayton+	7-24
O. 28	San Diego*	14-9
N. 11	Northwestern (Iowa)+	

Coach: Rob Ash • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 7-3

DUKE Durham, NC

S. 2	Florida St. @	20-59
S. 9	Rutgers+	
S. 16	Army	43-7
S. 23	Maryland	49-16
S. 30	Navy+	47-14
O. 7	Georgia Tech+	27-12
O. 14	Virginia	28-25
O. 21	North Carolina St.+	23-24
O. 28	Wake Forest+	51-26
N. 11	Clemson	19-13
N. 18	North Carolina	40-41

Coach: Fred Goldsmith • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Blue Devils • 1994 Record: 8-3

DUQUESNE Pittsburgh, PA

S. 9	St. Francis (Pa.)	7-3
S. 16	Robert Morris+	6-28
S. 23	Georgetown	3-0
S. 30	Gannon	22-16
O. 7	St. Peter's+	40-21
O. 14	Marist	7-16
O. 21	Siena+	16-21
O. 28	Iona	16-12
N. 4	St. John's (N.Y.)+	7-24
N. 11	Canisius	14-0

Coach: Greg Gattuso • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Dukes • 1994 Record: 6-4

EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC

S. 2	Tennessee*	
S. 9	Syracuse	18-21
S. 16	Central Michigan+	
S. 23	Illinois	0-30
S. 30	West Virginia+	
O. 7	Cincinnati	35-21
O. 21	Temple+	31-14
O. 28	Southern Mississippi	31-10
N. 4	Army	
N. 11	Tulsa+	28-21
N. 18	Memphis+	30-6

Coach: Steve Logan • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Pirates • 1994 Record: 7-4

EAST TENN. ST. Johnson City, TN

S. 2	Troy St.	
S. 9	Toledo*	
S. 16	VMI	31-21
S. 23	Tulsa	
S. 30	Appalachian St.	13-30
O. 7	Citadel+	56-34
O. 21	Furman	21-33
O. 28	Georgia Southern+	23-24
N. 4	Marshall	12-42
N. 11	UT-Chattanooga	30-13
N. 18	Western Carolina+	34-31

Coach: Mike Cavan • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Buccaneers • 1994 Record: 6-5

EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston, IL

A. 31	Austin Peay*	
S. 9	SE Missouri St.+	
S. 16	UT-Martin+	
S. 23	SW Missouri St.+	38-21
S. 30	Central St. (Ohio)+	
O. 7	Northern Iowa	7-19
O. 14	Western Kentucky	28-20
O. 28	Illinois St.+	16-13
N. 4	Western Illinois+	13-23
N. 11	Southern Illinois	24-3
N. 18	Indiana St.	30-21

Coach: Bob Spoo • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Panthers • 1994 Record: 6-5

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Richmond, KY

A. 31	Central Fla.	
S. 9	Western Kentucky+	21-24
S. 23	Tennessee Tech	23-3
S. 30	SE Missouri St.	34-6
O. 14	Middle Tennessee St.+	28-27
O. 21	UT-Martin+	34-14
O. 28	Tennessee St.+	28-17
N. 4	Murray St.	49-13
N. 11	Austin Peay+	27-14
N. 18	Morehead St.+	54-7

Coach: Roy Kidd • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Colonels • 1994 Record: 9-2

EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti, MI

S. 2	Akron*	42-18
S. 9	Pittsburgh*	
S. 16	Nevada-Las Vegas+	3-17
S. 23	Ohio University+	24-13
O. 7	Central Michigan+	29-30
O. 14	Syracuse	
O. 21	Bail St.	41-20
O. 28	Toledo	40-37
N. 4	Miami (Ohio)	17-21
N. 11	Western Michigan+	14-33
N. 18	Kent	24-10

Coach: Rick Rasnick • Colors: Dark Green & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 5-6

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Cheney, WA

S. 7	SW Texas St.+	
S. 16	Cal St. Sacramento+	
S. 23	Portland St.+	21-31
S. 30	Weber St.+	24-6
O. 7	Idaho St.+	16-21
O. 14	Idaho	15-40
O. 21	Northern Arizona+	21-35
O. 28	Montana St.	34-31
N. 4	Boise St.	13-16
N. 11	Montana+	29-49
N. 18	Cal Poly SLO	61-7

Coach: Mike Kramer • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 4-7

EVANSVILLE Evansville, IN

S. 2	Kentucky Wesleyan+	35-27
S. 9	Cumberland (Tenn.)+	33-32
S. 16	Greenville	
S. 23	Thomas More	22-29
O. 7	Drake	21-31
O. 14	San Diego+	16-28
O. 21	Valparaiso	21-34
O. 28	Butler+	14-49
N. 4	Dayton+	0-24
N. 11	Aurora	42-21

Coach: Robin Cooper • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Purple Aces • 1994 Record: 4-6

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 2	Houston+	
S. 9	Kentucky*	73-7
S. 16	Tennessee	31-0
S. 30	Mississippi+	38-14
O. 7	Louisiana St.+	42-18
O. 14	Auburn	33-36
O. 28	Georgia	52-14
N. 4	Northern Illinois+	
N. 11	South Carolina	48-17
N. 18	Vanderbilt+	24-7
N. 25	Florida St.+	17-23

Coach: Steve Spurrier • Colors: Blue & Orange
 Nickname: Gators • 1994 Record: 10-1-1

FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 2	Tuskegee+*	20-8
S. 9	Miami (Fla.)	20-8
S. 16	Jackson St.+*	34-35
S. 23	Tennessee St. @	14-10
S. 30	Howard	29-2
O. 7	North Carolina A&T	22-23
O. 14	Delaware St.+*	25-18
O. 28	Morgan St.+	20-24
N. 4	Southern-B. R. #	16-14
N. 11	South Carolina St.	15-27
N. 25	Bethune-Cookman\$	24-27
@ At Orlando, FL		
# At Atlanta, GA		
\$ At Tampa, FL		

Coach: Billy Joe • Colors: Orange & Green
 Nickname: Rattlers • 1994 Record: 6-5

FLORIDA ST. Tallahassee, FL

S. 2	Duke@	59-20
S. 9	Clemson	17-0
S. 16	North Carolina St.+	34-3
S. 23	Central Florida+	20-34
O. 7	Miami (Fla.)	20-34
O. 14	Wake Forest+	56-14
O. 21	Georgia Tech+	41-10
N. 2	Virginia*	41-17
N. 11	North Carolina	31-18
N. 18	Maryland+	52-20
N. 25	Florida	23-17
@ At Orlando, FL		

Coach: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
 Nickname: Seminoles • 1994 Record: 9-1-1

FORDHAM Bronx, NY

S. 2	Buffalo*	20-30
S. 9	Marist+	26-29
S. 16	Bucknell+	26-29
S. 23	Dartmouth+	14-31
S. 30	Harvard	6-35
O. 7	Colgate	20-30
O. 14	Hofstra+	21-31
O. 21	Richmond+	7-38
O. 28	Holy Cross@	6-34
N. 4	Lehigh+	6-34
N. 11	Lafayette	6-34
@ At Bermuda		

Coach: Nick Quartaro • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Rams • 1994 Record: 0-1-1

FRESNO ST. Fresno, CA

S. 2	NE Louisiana+*	32-49
S. 9	California	49-42
S. 16	Pacific (Cal.)+*	7-42
S. 23	Utah*	31-16
S. 30	UCLA*	30-30
O. 7	New Mexico+*	38-24
O. 14	San Diego St.*	30-32
O. 28	Air Force+*	30-32
N. 4	Hawaii*	30-32
N. 11	UTEP+	30-32
N. 18	Wyoming	30-32
N. 25	Brigham Young+*	30-32

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 5-7-1

FURMAN Greenville, SC

S. 2	Georgia Tech	26-21
S. 9	South Carolina St.*	26-21
S. 16	Wofford+*	28-11
S. 23	VMI+*	24-35
S. 30	Western Carolina	6-30
O. 7	Appalachian St.+	44-52
O. 14	Citadel	33-21
O. 21	East Tennessee St.+	26-31
N. 4	Georgia Southern	14-35
N. 11	Marshall+	20-34
N. 18	UT-Chattanooga	20-34

Coach: Bobby Johnson • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Paladins • 1994 Record: 3-8

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Statesboro, GA

S. 2	South Carolina St.+*	13-34
S. 9	Middle Tennessee St. @	56-20
S. 16	Marshall*	31-35
S. 23	UT-Chattanooga+*	34-31
O. 7	Western Carolina+	15-17
O. 14	Appalachian St.	24-23
O. 21	Citadel+	31-26
O. 28	East Tennessee St.	49-0
N. 4	Furman+	49-0
N. 11	Liberty	49-0
N. 18	VMI#	49-0
@ At Atlanta, GA # At Norfolk, VA		

Coach: Tim Stowers • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 6-5

GEORGETOWN Washington, DC

S. 16	Iona	28-31
S. 23	Duquesne+	0-3
S. 30	Canisius	21-14
O. 7	St. John's (N.Y.)+	16-19
O. 14	Franklin & Marsh.+	7-14
O. 20	Johns Hopkins*	17-14
O. 28	Marist	35-12
N. 4	Siena+	19-18
N. 11	St. Peter's	41-7

Coach: Bob Benson • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Hoyas • 1994 Record: 5-4

GEORGIA Athens, GA

S. 2	South Carolina+	24-21
S. 9	Tennessee*	23-41
S. 16	New Mexico St.+	17-14
S. 23	Mississippi*	28-29
S. 30	Alabama+	40-14
O. 7	Clemson	30-43
O. 14	Vanderbilt	34-30
O. 21	Kentucky+	14-52
O. 28	Florida+	23-23
N. 4	Auburn+	48-10
N. 23	Georgia Tech	48-10

Coach: Ray Goff • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 6-4-1

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, GA

S. 2	Furman+	14-19
S. 7	Arizona*	7-24
S. 16	Virginia	27-42
S. 28	Maryland+*	12-27
O. 7	Duke	24-31
O. 14	North Carolina+	10-41
O. 21	Florida St.	10-20
O. 28	Clemson+	13-20
N. 4	Wake Forest	13-21
N. 11	North Carolina St. +	10-48
N. 23	Georgia+	10-48

Coach: George O'Leary • Colors: Old Gold & White
 Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1994 Record: 1-10

GRAMBLING Grambling, LA

S. 2	Alcorn St.	62-56
S. 16	Hampton@*	32-29
S. 23	Central St. (Ohio)+*	66-0
S. 30	Prairie View*	24-9
O. 7	Mississippi Valley+	44-17
O. 14	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	28-17
O. 21	Jackson St.*	51-20
O. 28	Texas Southern+	51-24
N. 4	Alabama St.	7-34
N. 11	Elizabeth City St. +	7-34
N. 25	Southern-B. R. %	7-34
@ At East Rutherford, NJ, # At Dallas, TX		
\$ At Shreveport, LA, % At New Orleans, LA		

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 9-2

HAMPTON Hampton, VA

S. 2	Morehouse	24-15
S. 9	Howard	21-20
S. 16	Grambling@*	29-32
S. 23	Southern-B. R.*	20-24
S. 30	Bethune-Cookman	28-38
O. 7	Delaware St. +	53-28
O. 14	Norfolk St.	40-7
O. 28	Elizabeth City St. +	40-7
N. 4	Liberty	40-7
N. 18	Morgan St. +	40-7
@ At East Rutherford, NJ		

Coach: Joe Taylor • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Pirates • 1994 Record: 10-1

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S. 16	Columbia+	39-32
S. 23	Colgate	35-27
S. 30	Fordham+	13-18
O. 7	Cornell	27-17
O. 14	Holy Cross+	7-18
O. 21	Princeton+	35-12
O. 28	Dartmouth+	17-23
N. 4	Brown	0-33
N. 11	Pennsylvania+	13-32
N. 18	Yale	13-32

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Crimson, Black & White
 Nickname: Crimson • 1994 Record: 4-6

HAWAII Honolulu, HI

S. 2	Texas+*	10-13
S. 16	Wyoming	28-34
S. 23	UTEP+*	21-38
S. 30	Nevada-Las Vegas*	12-13
O. 14	New Mexico*	16-31
O. 21	Central Florida+*	23-38
O. 28	Brigham Young	24-37
N. 4	Fresno St.+*	24-37
N. 11	Colorado St.	24-37
N. 18	San Diego St.+*	24-37
N. 25	Air Force+*	24-37
D. 2	Oklahoma St.+*	24-37

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Rainbow Warriors • 1994 Record: 3-8-1

HOFSTRA Hempstead, NY

S. 2	Nicholls St.+*	27-6
S. 9	Holy Cross	27-6
S. 16	Lafayette+*	27-6
S. 23	Illinois St.	27-6
S. 29	Liberty*	27-6
O. 7	Cal St. Sacramento*	30-20
O. 14	Fordham	30-20
O. 21	Charleston Southern+	34-21
O. 28	Buffalo+	42-16
N. 11	Rhode Island	42-16
N. 18	Marshall	42-16

Coach: Joe Gardi • Colors: Blue, Gold & White
 Nickname: Flying Dutchmen • 1994 Record: 8-1-1

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S. 9	Hofstra+	0-32
S. 16	Massachusetts	18-20
S. 23	Cornell	22-47
S. 30	Brown+	17-27
O. 7	Yale+	9-17
O. 14	Harvard	31-21
O. 21	Lafayette+	27-20
O. 28	Fordham@	13-29
N. 4	Bucknell	27-6
N. 11	Lehigh	27-6
N. 18	Colgate+	27-6
@ At Bermuda		

Coach: Peter Vaas • Colors: Royal Purple
 Nickname: Crusaders • 1994 Record: 3-8

HOUSTON Houston, TX

S. 2	Florida*	7-32
S. 9	Louisiana Tech+	13-35
S. 16	Southern Cal	10-31
S. 23	Kansas	13-52
O. 7	Texas Christian	39-33
O. 14	Baylor+	7-38
O. 21	Southern Methodist+*	13-48
O. 28	Texas A&M	0-34
N. 11	Texas+*	13-31
N. 25	Texas Tech+*	13-31
D. 2	Rice	13-31

Coach: Kim Helton • Colors: Scarlet & White
 Nickname: Cougars • 1994 Record: 1-10

HOWARD Washington, DC

S. 2	Bethune-Cookman	21-19
S. 9	Hampton+	20-21
S. 16	North Carolina Central+	35-19
S. 30	Florida A&M+	2-29
O. 7	Alcorn St. @	20-24
O. 21	North Carolina A&T	28-38
O. 28	Morehouse+	14-40
N. 4	South Carolina St. +	14-17
N. 11	Morgan St.	24-35
N. 18	Delaware St.	24-35
@ At Indianapolis, IN		

Coach: Steve Wilson • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bison • 1994 Record: 4-7

IDAHO Moscow, ID

S. 2	Oregon St.	21-13
S. 16	Sonoma St.+*	27-13
S. 30	Idaho St.*	40-15
O. 7	Montana St.	21-45
O. 14	Eastern Washington+	79-30
O. 21	Montana+	41-14
O. 28	Weber St.	21-12
N. 4	Northern Arizona*	24-27
N. 11	Northern Iowa*	24-27
N. 18	Boise St.+	24-27

Coach: Chris Tormey • Colors: Silver & Gold
 Nickname: Vandals • 1994 Record: 9-2

IDAHO ST. Pocatello, ID

S. 9	Cal Poly SLO	21-70
S. 16	Cal St. Northridge+*	21-16
S. 23	Southern Utah+	38-20
S. 30	Idaho+*	32-31
O. 7	Eastern Washington*	19-41
O. 14	Montana St.+*	28-23
O. 21	Boise St.*	6-40
O. 28	Northern Arizona+	6-40
N. 4	Montana	6-40
N. 11	North Texas	6-40
N. 18	Weber St.+*	6-40

Coach: Brian McNeely • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Bengals • 1994 Record: 6-5

ILLINOIS Champaign, IL

S. 2	Michigan+	14-19
S. 9	Oregon*	30-0
S. 16	Arizona+	30-0
S. 23	East Carolina+	28-7
O. 7	Indiana	47-7
O. 14	Michigan St. +	24-10
O. 28	Northwestern+	21-17
N. 4	Iowa	13-19
N. 11	Ohio St.	13-19
N. 18	Minnesota+	13-19
N. 25	Wisconsin	13-19

Coach: Lou Tepper • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Fighting Illini • 1994 Record: 6-5

ILLINOIS ST. Normal, IL

S. 2	Washburn+*	47-16
S. 9	Ohio	17-7
S. 16	Buffalo+*	28-14
S. 23	Hofstra+	38-17
S. 30	SW Missouri St.*	17-0
O. 7	Southern Illinois	13-16
O. 14	Western Illinois+	17-24
O. 28	Eastern Illinois	17-12
N. 4	Northern Iowa+	7-12
N. 11	Indiana St. +	17-12
N. 18	Youngstown St.	17-12

Coach: Jim Heacock • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Redbirds • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S. 9	Western Michigan+	59-29
S. 16	Kentucky+	7-20
S. 23	Southern Mississippi+	27-20
S. 30	Northwestern	27-20
O. 7	Illinois+	29-35
O. 14	Iowa	21-27
O. 21	Michigan+	17-32
O. 28	Penn St.	33-29
N. 11	Michigan St. +	33-29
N. 18	Ohio St.	33-29
N. 24	Purdue+	33-29

Coach: Bill Mallory • Colors: Cream & Crimson
 Nickname: Fightin' Hoosiers • 1994 Record: 6-5

INDIANA ST. Terre Haute, IN

S. 2	Mars Hill+	17-38
S. 9	Mississippi*	27-14
S. 16	Glenville St.+*	7-10
S. 23	Western Illinois+*	10-11
S. 30	Southern Illinois+*	28-16
O. 7	SW Missouri St.	3-14
O. 14	Northern Iowa*	12-7
O. 21	Western Kentucky+	21-30
O. 28	Youngstown St.	21-30
N. 11	Illinois St.	21-30
N. 18	Eastern Illinois+	21-30

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Sycamores • 1994 Record: 5-6

IONA New Rochelle, NY

S. 16	Georgetown+	31-28
S. 23	Pace+	24-28
S. 30	Siena	21-38
O. 7	Marist+	19-37
O. 14	St. Peter's	31-14
O. 21	Wagner	22-39
O. 28	Duquesne+	12-16
N. 4	Canisius	14-7
N. 10	St. John's (N.Y.)	7-21

Coach: Harold Crocker • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Gaels • 1994 Record: 3-6

IOWA Iowa City, IA

S. 9	Northern Iowa+	
S. 16	Iowa St.	37-9
S. 30	New Mexico St.+	
O. 7	Michigan St.	19-14
O. 14	Indiana+	20-27
O. 21	Penn St.+	21-61
O. 28	Ohio St.	
N. 4	Illinois+	7-47
N. 11	Northwestern	49-13
N. 18	Wisconsin	
N. 25	Minnesota+	49-42

Coach: Hayden Fry • Colors: Old Gold & Black
 Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

IOWA ST. Ames, IA

A. 31	Ohio+	
S. 9	Texas Christian*	
S. 16	Iowa+	9-37
S. 23	Nevada-Las Vegas+	
O. 7	Oklahoma+	6-34
O. 14	Kansas	23-41
O. 21	Colorado+	20-41
O. 28	Oklahoma St.+	31-31
N. 4	Nebraska	12-28
N. 11	Kansas St.+	20-38
N. 18	Missouri	20-34

Coach: Dan McCarney • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Cyclones • 1994 Record: 0-10-1

JACKSON ST. Jackson, MS

S. 3	Alabama A&M@	34-24
S. 9	Tennessee St.*	31-12
S. 16	Florida A&M*	35-34
S. 23	Mississippi Valley	16-18
O. 7	Alabama St.*	24-6
O. 14	Southern-B. R.+	24-21
O. 21	Grambling+	17-28
O. 28	Arkansas-Pine Bluff+	
N. 4	Texas Southern*	47-41
N. 11	Prairie View	52-7
N. 18	Alcorn St.+	34-52

@ At Birmingham, AL
 # At Memphis, TN
 \$ At Detroit, MI

Coach: James Carson • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 7-4

JACKSONVILLE ST. Jacksonville, AL

S. 2	Sam Houston St.*	10-17
S. 9	West Georgia+	
S. 16	Alabama-Birmingham	28-12
S. 23	North Carolina A&T+	24-17
S. 30	Knoxville+	48-26
O. 7	Western Kentucky*	20-22
O. 14	Samford*	
O. 21	Troy St.*	
N. 11	Western Illinois+	27-42
N. 18	SW Missouri St.	15-19

Coach: Bill Burgess • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Gamecocks • 1994 Record: 4-7

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S. 2	Morgan St.+	
S. 9	William & Mary	33-7
S. 16	McNeese St.+	
S. 23	Villanova	31-23
S. 30	Maine	
O. 7	Boston U.+	24-21
O. 14	New Hampshire	24-27
O. 21	Delaware+	30-10
O. 28	Richmond+	29-16
N. 4	Northeastern	6-9
N. 11	Connecticut+	48-20

Coach: Alex Wood • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Dukes • 1994 Record: 9-2

KANSAS Lawrence, KS

S. 2	Cincinnati+	
S. 9	North Texas@	
S. 14	Texas Christian+	21-31
S. 23	Houston+	35-13
O. 7	Colorado	26-51
O. 14	Iowa St.+	41-23
O. 21	Oklahoma	17-20
O. 28	Kansas St.	13-21
N. 4	Missouri+	31-14
N. 11	Nebraska+	17-45
N. 18	Oklahoma St.	24-14

@ At Irving, TX

Coach: Glen Mason • Colors: Crimson & Blue
 Nickname: Jayhawks • 1994 Record: 6-5

KANSAS ST. Manhattan, KS

S. 2	Temple+	
S. 9	Cincinnati	
S. 23	Akron+	
S. 30	Northern Illinois+	
O. 7	Missouri+	21-18
O. 14	Oklahoma St.	23-6
O. 21	Nebraska	6-17
O. 28	Kansas+	21-13
N. 4	Oklahoma+	37-20
N. 11	Iowa St.	38-20
N. 18	Colorado+	21-35

Coach: Bill Snyder • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 9-2

KENT Kent, OH

S. 2	Youngstown St.+	14-28
S. 9	Miami (Ohio)+	14-24
S. 16	Ohio University	24-0
S. 23	West Virginia	
S. 30	Western Michigan+	10-24
O. 7	South Carolina	
O. 21	Central Michigan	0-45
O. 28	Akron+	32-16
N. 4	Ball St.+	0-34
N. 11	Bowling Green+	16-22
N. 18	Eastern Michigan+	10-24

Coach: Jim Corrigan • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Flashes • 1994 Record: 2-9

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S. 2	Louisville+	20-14
S. 9	Florida+	7-73
S. 16	Indiana	29-59
S. 23	South Carolina	9-23
S. 30	Auburn+	14-41
O. 14	Louisiana St.+	13-17
O. 21	Georgia	30-34
O. 28	Mississippi St.	7-47
N. 4	Vanderbilt	6-24
N. 11	Cincinnati+	
N. 18	Tennessee+	0-52

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 1-10

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S. 9	Buffalo	
S. 16	Hofstra+	6-27
S. 23	Pennsylvania+	7-27
S. 30	Columbia+	13-28
O. 7	Dartmouth	15-27
O. 14	Princeton	
O. 21	Holy Cross	17-9
O. 28	Bucknell	56-14
N. 4	Colgate+	14-6
N. 11	Fordham+	34-6
N. 18	Lehigh+	54-20

Coach: Bill Russo • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Leopards • 1994 Record: 5-6

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S. 9	Army	
S. 16	Colgate	25-22
S. 23	Yale+	36-32
S. 30	New Hampshire+	10-42
O. 7	Bucknell	27-31
O. 14	Columbia	28-28
O. 21	Cornell+	17-21
O. 28	Massachusetts	
N. 4	Fordham	38-7
N. 11	Holy Cross+	29-13
N. 18	Lafayette+	20-54

Coach: Kevin Higgins • Colors: Brown & White
 Nickname: Engineers • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

LIBERTY Lynchburg, VA

S. 2	West Virginia Tech+*	
S. 9	VMI	
S. 16	Delaware St.	17-22
S. 29	Hofstra+	
O. 14	Central Florida	24-49
O. 21	Wofford+	
O. 28	Charleston Southern	59-27
N. 4	Hampton+	
N. 11	Georgia Southern+	
N. 18	Western Kentucky	

Coach: Sam Rutigliano • Colors: Red, White & Blue • Nickname: Flames • 1994 Record: 5-6

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

A. 31	Bowling Green	
S. 9	Houston	32-7
S. 16	South Carolina	6-31
S. 23	Arkansas St.+	20-14
S. 30	Tulsa@*	
O. 7	New Mexico St.*	
O. 14	Pacific (Cal.)	
O. 21	Nevada+	
N. 4	SW Louisiana*	3-13
N. 11	Vanderbilt	
N. 18	Northern Illinois+	17-27

@ At Shreveport, LA

Coach: Joe Raymond Peace • Colors: Red & Blue • Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 3-8

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S. 2	Kentucky*	14-20
S. 9	Northern Illinois*	
S. 16	Michigan St.+	
S. 21	North Carolina+*	
S. 30	Memphis*	10-6
O. 7	Southern Mississippi	
O. 14	Wyoming	
O. 28	Maryland+	
N. 4	Tulane+	
N. 11	NE Louisiana+	
N. 18	North Texas+	

Coach: Ron Cooper • Colors: Red, Black & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1994 Record: 6-5

LSU Baton Rouge, LA

S. 2	Texas A&M	13-18
S. 9	Mississippi St.*	44-24
S. 16	Auburn+	26-30
S. 23	Rice+	
S. 30	South Carolina	17-18
O. 7	Florida+	18-42
O. 14	Kentucky*	17-13
O. 21	North Texas+	
N. 4	Alabama	17-35
N. 11	Mississippi+	21-34
N. 25	Arkansas+	30-12

Coach: Gerry DiNardo • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1994 Record: 4-7

MAINE Orono, ME

S. 2	Lock Haven+	
S. 9	Rhode Island	21-28
S. 16	Boston U.	18-31
S. 30	James Madison+	
O. 7	Buffalo*	21-24
O. 14	Connecticut+	35-31
O. 21	New Hampshire	7-24
O. 28	Delaware	19-13
N. 4	Massachusetts+	14-20
N. 11	Northeastern+	16-23
N. 18	Central Florida	6-28

Coach: Jack Cosgrove • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Black Bears • 1994 Record: 3-8

MARIST Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 2	Monmouth+	
S. 9	Fordham	
S. 16	St. Francis (Pa.)	39-16
S. 30	St. John's (N.Y.)*	32-13
O. 7	Iona	37-19
O. 14	Duquesne+	16-7
O. 21	Canisius	13-0
O. 28	Georgetown+	12-35
N. 4	St. Peter's+	33-0
N. 11	Siena+	45-19

Coach: Jim Parady • Colors: Black, Red & White
 Nickname: Red Foxes • 1994 Record: 7-3

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S. 2	North Carolina St.	
S. 9	Tennessee Tech+*	24-10
S. 16	Georgia Southern+*	34-13
S. 30	UT-Chattanooga	62-21
O. 7	VMI+*	49-7
O. 14	Western Carolina	38-14
O. 21	Appalachian St.+	14-24
O. 28	Citadel	42-30
N. 4	East Tennessee St.+	42-12
N. 11	Furman	35-14
N. 18	Hofstra+	

Coach: Jim Donnan • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Thundering Herd • 1994 Record: 10-1

MARYLAND College Park, MD

S. 2	Tulane*	38-10
S. 9	North Carolina+	17-41
S. 16	West Virginia+	24-13
S. 23	Duke+	16-49
S. 28	Georgia Tech*	42-27
O. 7	Wake Forest*	31-7
O. 21	Clemson+	0-13
O. 28	Louisville	
N. 4	North Carolina St.	45-47
N. 11	Virginia+	21-46
N. 18	Florida St.	20-52

Coach: Mark Duffner • Colors: Red, White, Black & Gold • Nickname: Terrapins
 1994 Record: 4-7

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S. 9	Richmond+	13-14
S. 16	Holy Cross+	32-0
S. 23	Northeastern	27-24
S. 30	Rhode Island	22-12
O. 7	New Hampshire+	11-14
O. 14	Buffalo	
O. 21	William & Mary+	23-14
O. 28	Lehigh+	
N. 4	Maine	20-14
N. 11	Boston U.	24-28
N. 18	Connecticut	13-21

Coach: Mike Hodges • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Minutemen • 1994 Record: 5-6

MCNEESE ST. Lake Charles, LA

S. 2	SW Missouri St.	
S. 9	Abilene Christian+	
S. 16	James Madison*	
S. 23	Youngstown St.+	8-28
S. 30	Central Florida+	
O. 14	Portland St.+	
O. 21	Sam Houston St.+	30-6
O. 28	Stephen F. Austin	13-9
N. 4	SW Texas St.	34-10
N. 11	Northwestern St.+	28-7
N. 18	Nicholls St.+	41-17

Coach: Bobby Keasler • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Cowboys • 1994 Record: 9-2

MEMPHIS Memphis, TN

S. 2	Mississippi St.*	6-17
S. 9	Michigan	
S. 16	SW Louisiana+	
S. 23	Arkansas	16-15
S. 30	Louisville+	6-10
O. 14	Tulane*	13-0
O. 21	Cincinnati	26-3
O. 28	Tulsa+	42-18
N. 4	Mississippi+	17-16
N. 11	Southern Mississippi+	3-20
N. 18	East Carolina	6-30

Coach: Rip Scherer • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 6-5

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

S. 2	UCLA	
S. 9	Florida A&M+	
S. 23	Virginia Tech	24-3
O. 7	Florida St.	34-20
O. 14	Rutgers+	24-3
O. 21	Pittsburgh	17-12
O. 28	Temple+	38-14
N. 4	Baylor+	
N. 11	Boston College	23-7
N. 18	West Virginia+	38-6
N. 25	Syracuse+	27-6

Coach: Butch Davis • Colors: Orange, Green, White
 Nickname: Hurricanes • 1994 Record: 10-1

MIAMI Oxford, OH

S. 2	Ball St.+	24-21
S. 9	Kent	24-14
S. 16	Northwestern	
S. 23	Cincinnati+	17-17
S. 30	Michigan	
O. 7	Bowling Green	16-27
O. 14	Toledo+	
O. 28	Central Michigan	30-32
N. 4	Eastern Michigan+	21-17
N. 11	Ohio University	31-10
N. 18	Akron+	50-14

Coach: Randy Walker • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Redskins • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

A. 26	Virginia+	
S. 2	Illinois	19-14
S. 9	Memphis+	
S. 16	Boston College	34-26
S. 30	Miami (Ohio)+	
O. 7	Northwestern+	
O. 21	Indiana	
O. 28	Minnesota+	38-22
N. 4	Michigan St.	40-20
N. 11	Purdue+	45-23
N. 18	Penn St.	24-31
N. 25	Ohio St.+	6-22

Coach: Lloyd Carr • Colors: Maize & Blue
 Nickname: Wolverines • 1994 Record: 7-4

MICHIGAN ST. East Lansing, MI

S. 9	Nebraska+	
S. 16	Louisville	
S. 23	Purdue	42-30
S. 30	Boston College+	
O. 7	Iowa+	14-19
O. 14	Illinois	
O. 21	Minnesota+	
O. 28	Wisconsin	29-10
N. 4	Michigan+	20-40
N. 11	Indiana	27-21
N. 25	Penn St.+	31-59

Coach: Nick Saban • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Spartans • 1994 Record: 5-6

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.

Murfreesboro, TN

S. 2	Tennessee St.+	45-10
S. 9	Georgia Southern+	
S. 16	Morehead St.+	63-6
S. 23	Murray St.+	23-21
S. 30	Alabama-Birmingham+	
O. 7	Austin Peay	28-3
O. 14	Eastern Kentucky+	27-28
O. 21	SE Missouri St.+	38-14
N. 4	UT-Martin+	38-7
N. 11	Tennessee Tech	31-3
N. 18	Texas A&M	

@ Atlanta, GA
 Coach: Boots Donnelly • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Blue Raiders • 1994 Record: 8-2-1

MINNESOTA Minneapolis, MN

S. 16	Ball St.+	
S. 23	Syracuse	
S. 30	Arkansas St.+	
O. 7	Purdue+	37-49
O. 14	Northwestern+	31-37
O. 21	Michigan St.	
O. 28	Michigan	22-38
N. 4	Ohio St.+	
N. 11	Wisconsin+	17-14
N. 18	Illinois	17-21
N. 25	Iowa	42-49

Coach: Jim Wacker • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Gophers • 1994 Record: 3-8

MISSISSIPPI University, MS

S. 2	Auburn+	17-22
S. 9	Indiana St.+	
S. 23	Georgia+	14-17
S. 30	Florida	14-38
O. 7	Tulane+	38-0
O. 14	Arkansas+	7-31
O. 21	Alabama+	10-21
O. 28	Vanderbilt+	20-14
N. 4	Memphis	16-17
N. 11	Louisiana St.+	34-21
N. 25	Mississippi St.	17-21

@ At Memphis, TN
 Coach: Tommy Tuberville • Colors: Cardinal Red & Navy Blue • Nickname: Rebels • 1994 Record: 4-7

MISSISSIPPI ST.

Mississippi State, MS

S. 2	Memphis+	17-6
S. 9	Louisiana St.+	24-44
S. 16	Baylor+	
S. 23	Tennessee	24-21
S. 30	NE Louisiana+	
O. 5	Auburn+	18-42
O. 14	South Carolina+	41-36
O. 28	Kentucky+	47-7
N. 4	Arkansas+	17-7
N. 11	Alabama	25-29
N. 25	Mississippi+	21-17

@ At Little Rock, AR
 Coach: Jackie Sherrill • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 8-3

MISSISSIPPI VAL. Itta Bena, MS

S. 2	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
S. 9	Lane	23-14
S. 23	Jackson St.+	18-16
S. 30	Southern-B. R.+	0-19
O. 7	Grambling+	9-24
O. 21	Texas Southern+	24-30
O. 28	Prairie View	21-10
N. 4	Alcorn St.	24-49
N. 11	Alabama St.+	24-33
N. 18	Arkansas St.	

Coach: Larry Dorsey • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Delta Devils • 1994 Record: 4-6

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

S. 2	North Texas+	
S. 9	Bowling Green+	
S. 16	Texas Tech	
S. 23	NE Louisiana+	
O. 7	Kansas St.	18-21
O. 14	Nebraska	7-42
O. 21	Oklahoma St.+	24-15
O. 28	Oklahoma+	13-30
N. 4	Kansas	14-31
N. 11	Colorado	23-38
N. 18	Iowa St.+	34-20

Coach: Larry Smith • Colors: Old Gold & Black
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 3-8-1

MONMOUTH W. Long Branch, NJ

S. 2	Marist	
S. 9	Robert Morris+	19-26
S. 16	St. Peter's	
S. 23	St. John's (N.Y.)+	18-38
S. 30	Towson St.	
O. 7	Mercyhurst+	
O. 14	Pace	20-0
O. 28	St. Francis (Pa.)	29-7
N. 4	Wagner+	22-14
N. 11	Central Connecticut+	14-13

Coach: Kevin Callahan • Colors: Royal Blue & White • Nickname: Hawks • 1994 Record: 7-2

MONTANA Missoula, MT

S. 2	Eastern New Mexico+	
S. 9	Washington St.	
S. 16	Minn.-Duluth+	
S. 23	Boise St.+	14-38
S. 30	UC Davis+	
O. 7	Weber St.+	35-20
O. 14	Northwestern+	35-24
O. 21	Idaho	45-21
N. 4	Idaho St.+	23-28
N. 11	Eastern Washington	49-29
N. 18	Montana St.	55-20

Coach: Don Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold
 Nickname: Grizzlies • 1994 Record: 9-2

MONTANA ST. Bozeman, MT

S. 2	Colorado St.	
S. 9	Central Washington+	
S. 16	Cal Poly SLO+	
S. 23	SW Texas St.+	
S. 30	Northern Arizona	30-47
O. 7	Idaho+	13-27
O. 14	Idaho St.+	20-38
O. 21	Weber St.+	13-41
O. 28	Eastern Washington+	31-34
N. 11	Boise St.	10-38
N. 18	Montana+	20-55

Coach: Cliff Hysell • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1994 Record: 3-8

MOREHEAD ST. Morehead, KY

S. 7	Kentucky Wesleyan+	
S. 16	Middle Tennessee St.+	6-63
S. 23	UT-Martin+	7-21
S. 30	Charleston Southern+	
O. 7	Tennessee St.+	10-48
O. 14	Murray St.	6-45
O. 21	Tennessee Tech+	14-56
O. 28	Austin Peay+	6-73
N. 4	SE Missouri St.	20-45
N. 18	Eastern Kentucky	7-54

Coach: Matt Ballard • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 0-11

MORGAN ST. Baltimore, MD

S. 2	James Madison+	
S. 9	Bethune-Cookman	0-41
S. 23	Cheyney+	
O. 7	South Carolina St.+	7-49
O. 14	North Carolina A&T+	16-26
O. 21	Delaware St.	21-50
O. 28	Florida A&M	24-20
N. 4	Samford	34-40
N. 11	Howard+	17-14
N. 18	Hampton	

Coach: Ricky Diggs • Colors: Blue & Orange
 Nickname: Bears • 1994 Record: 3-8

MURRAY ST. Murray, KY

A. 31	Western Kentucky+	13-39
S. 9	Southern Illinois	
S. 16	SE Missouri St.+	23-16
S. 23	Middle Tennessee St.+	21-23
S. 30	Austin Peay+	29-14
O. 7	UT-Martin+	28-24
O. 14	Morehead St.+	45-6
O. 28	Tennessee Tech	21-38
N. 4	Eastern Kentucky+	13-49
N. 11	Tennessee St.	21-24
N. 18	Western Illinois+	17-73

Coach: Houston Nutt • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Racers • 1994 Record: 5-6

NAVY Annapolis, MD

S. 9	Southern Methodist+	
S. 16	Rutgers	
S. 23	Wake Forest+	
S. 30	Duke+	14-47
O. 7	Virginia Tech+	
O. 14	Air Force+	21-43
O. 21	Villanova+	
N. 4	Notre Dame	21-58
N. 11	Delaware+	
N. 18	Tulane+	17-15
O. 2	Army+	20-22

@ At Philadelphia, PA
 Coach: Charlie Weatherbie • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold • Nickname: Midshipmen
 1994 Record: 3-8

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

A. 31	Oklahoma St.+	32-3
S. 9	Michigan St.	
S. 16	Arizona St.+	
S. 23	Pacific (Cal.)	70-21
S. 30	Washington St.+	
O. 14	Missouri+	42-7
O. 21	Kansas St.+	17-6
O. 28	Colorado	24-7
N. 4	Iowa St.+	28-12
N. 11	Kansas	45-17
N. 24	Oklahoma+	13-3

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream
 Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1994 Record: 12-0

NEVADA Reno, NV

S. 2	SW Louisiana+	
S. 9	New Mexico St.+	45-24
S. 23	Toledo+	
S. 30	San Diego St.+	
O. 7	North Texas+	
O. 14	NE Louisiana+	34-22
O. 21	Louisiana Tech	
O. 28	Nevada-Las Vegas+	27-32
N. 4	Utah St.	56-28
N. 11	Pacific (Cal.)	38-26
N. 18	San Jose St.+	42-10

Coach: Chris Ault • Colors: Silver & Blue
 Nickname: Wolf Pack • 1994 Record: 9-2

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Las Vegas, NV

S. 2	Rice+	
S. 9	Arkansas St.+	
S. 16	Eastern Michigan+	17-3
S. 23	Iowa St.	
S. 30	Hawaii+	
O. 7	Northern Illinois	
O. 14	San Jose St.	23-10
O. 28	Nevada	32-27
N. 4	North Texas+	
N. 11	Utah St.+	23-21
N. 18	New Mexico St.+	31-27

Coach: Jeff Horton • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
 Nickname: Rebels • 1994 Record: 6-5

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham, NH

S. 9	Connecticut	20-19
S. 16	Rhode Island+	13-7
S. 23	William & Mary+	
S. 30	Lehigh	42-10
O. 7	Massachusetts	14-11
O. 14	James Madison+	27-24
O. 21	Maine+	24-7
O. 28	Boston U.+	52-51
N. 4	Richmond	42-14
N. 11	Villanova	21-14
N. 18	Northeastern+	28-7

Coach: Bill Bowes • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 10-1

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM

S. 2	Northern Arizona+	
S. 16	Utah+	23-21
S. 23	New Mexico St.+	56-31
S. 30	Air Force+	
O. 7	Fresno St.+	49-32
O. 14	Hawaii+	38-21
O. 21	Colorado St.	31-38
O. 28	Texas Tech+	31-37
N. 4	San Diego St.	13-20
N. 11	Brigham Young+	47-49
N. 18	UTEP+	25-21

Coach: Dennis Franchione • Colors: Cherry & Silver • Nickname: Lobos • 1994 Record: 5-7

NEW MEXICO ST. Las Cruces, NM

S. 2	UTEP+	23-22
S. 9	Nevada+	24-45
S. 16	Georgia	
S. 23	New Mexico+	31-56
S. 30	Iowa	
O. 7	Louisiana Tech+	
O. 14	SW Louisiana	
O. 21	Utah St.+	20-47
N. 4	Pacific (Cal.)	14-21
N. 11	San Jose St.+	24-21
N. 18	Nevada-Las Vegas	27-31

Coach: Jim Hess • Colors: Crimson & White
 Nickname: Aggies • 1994 Record: 3-8

NICHOLLS ST. Thibodaux, LA

S. 2	Holstra+	
S. 9	NE Louisiana+	
S. 16	Troy St.+	14-35
S. 23	Southern Illinois	
S. 30	Samford+	24-6
O. 7	Northwestern St.+	3-35
O. 14	Stephen F. Austin	10-24
O. 21	SW Texas St.+	26-27
O. 28	Southern-B. R.+	20-14
N. 4	Sam Houston St.+	24-0
N. 18	McNeese St.+	17-41

Coach: Darren Barbier • Colors: Red & Gray
 Nickname: Colonels • 1994 Record: 5-6

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

S. 2	Syracuse+	
S. 9	Maryland	41-17
S. 21	Louisville+	
S. 30	Ohio+	
O. 7	Virginia+	10-34
O. 14	Georgia Tech	31-24
O. 21	Wake Forest+	50-0
N. 4	Clemson	17-28
N. 11	Florida St.+	18-31
N. 18	Duke+	41-40
N. 24	North Carolina St.	31-17

Coach: Mack Brown • Colors: Carolina Blue & White • Nickname: Tar Heels • 1994 Record: 8-3

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Greensboro, NC

A. 3 North Carolina Central@	38-9
S. 9 Winston-Salem*	53-7
S. 16 Appalachian St.†	0-45
S. 23 Jacksonville St.*	17-24
O. 7 Florida A&M†	23-22
O. 14 Morgan St.	26-16
O. 21 Howard†	24-20
O. 28 Bethune-Cookman	24-28
N. 4 Delaware St.†	10-31
N. 11 Lane†	
N. 18 South Carolina St.	24-46

@ At Raleigh, NC

Coach: Bill Hayes • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Aggies • 1994 Record: 6-5**NORTH CAROLINA ST.**

Raleigh, NC

S. 2 Marshall†	
S. 9 Virginia†	30-27
S. 16 Florida St.	3-34
S. 23 Baylor†	
S. 30 Clemson†	29-12
O. 7 Alabama	
O. 21 Duke	24-23
N. 4 Maryland†	47-45
N. 11 Georgia Tech	21-13
N. 18 Wake Forest	34-3
N. 24 North Carolina†	17-31

Coach: Mike O'Carroll • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Wolfpack • 1994 Record: 8-3**NORTH TEXAS**

Denton, TX

S. 2 Missouri*	
S. 9 Kansas@	
S. 16 Oregon St.†	
S. 23 Oklahoma	
O. 7 Nevada	
O. 14 Alabama-Birmingham†	
O. 21 Louisiana St.*	
O. 28 Alabama	
N. 4 Nevada-Las Vegas	
N. 11 Idaho St.†	
N. 18 Louisville	

@ At Irving, TX

Coach: Matt Simon • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1994 Record: 7-3-1**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**

Monroe, LA

S. 2 Fresno St.*	
S. 9 Nicholls St.*†	
S. 16 Colorado	13-48
S. 23 Missouri	
S. 30 Mississippi St.*	
O. 7 Troy St.†	
O. 14 Nevada	22-34
O. 21 Northwestern St.*†	
O. 28 Central Florida†	16-33
N. 4 Auburn	12-44
N. 11 Louisville	

Coach: Ed Zaunbrecher • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Indians • 1994 Record: 3-8**NORTHEASTERN**

Boston, MA

S. 9 Colgate†	
S. 16 William & Mary†	12-17
S. 23 Massachusetts†	24-27
S. 30 Delaware†	20-42
O. 7 Richmond	11-23
O. 14 Villanova	9-13
O. 21 Boston U.	14-35
O. 28 Connecticut	
N. 4 James Madison†	9-6
N. 11 Maine	23-16
N. 18 New Hampshire	7-28

Coach: Barry Gallup • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1994 Record: 2-9**NORTHERN ARIZONA**

Flagstaff, AZ

S. 2 New Mexico*	
S. 9 Cal St. Sacramento*	
S. 23 Cal St. Northridge†	60-7
S. 30 Montana St.†	47-30
O. 7 Boise St.*	16-28
O. 14 Montana†	24-35
O. 21 Eastern Washington	35-21
O. 28 Idaho St.	41-19
N. 4 Idaho*	14-41
N. 11 Weber St.	24-20

Coach: Steve Axman • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1994 Record: 7-4**NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

De Kalb, IL

S. 2 Southern Mississippi	
S. 9 Louisville*	
S. 16 San Jose St.	
S. 23 SW Louisiana†	9-29
S. 30 Kansas St.	
O. 7 Nevada-Las Vegas†	
O. 14 Utah St.*	
O. 28 Cincinnati†	
N. 4 Florida	
N. 11 Arkansas St.†	38-16
N. 18 Louisiana Tech	27-17

Coach: Charlie Sadler • Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1994 Record: 4-7**NORTHERN IOWA**

Cedar Falls, IA

S. 2 Stephen F. Austin*	
S. 9 Iowa	
S. 16 Lock Haven†	
S. 30 Western Illinois	36-27
O. 7 Eastern Illinois†	19-7
O. 14 Indiana St.*†	11-10
O. 21 Southern Illinois†	39-7
O. 28 SW Missouri St.	12-7
N. 4 Illinois St.	24-17
N. 11 Idaho*	12-21
N. 18 Winona St.*†	

Coach: Terry Allen • Colors: Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1994 Record: 8-3**NORTHWESTERN**

Evanston, IL

S. 2 Notre Dame	15-42
S. 16 Miami (Ohio)†	
S. 23 Air Force†	14-10
S. 30 Indiana†	20-7
O. 7 Michigan	
O. 14 Minnesota*	37-31
O. 21 Wisconsin†	14-46
O. 28 Illinois	7-28
N. 4 Penn St.†	17-45
N. 11 Iowa†	13-49
N. 18 Purdue	

Coach: Gary Barnett • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 3-7-1**NORTHWESTERN ST.**

Natchitoches, LA

S. 2 Southern-B. R.*	0-20
S. 9 Troy St.*	24-20
S. 16 Delta St.*†	15-12
S. 23 East Texas St.*†	24-28
S. 30 Boise St.*	
O. 7 Nicholls St.*†	35-3
O. 14 Sam Houston St.*	54-0
O. 21 NE Louisiana*	
O. 28 SW Texas St.†	41-17
N. 11 McNeese St.*	7-28
N. 18 Stephen F. Austin†	13-34

Coach: Sam Goodwin • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Demons • 1994 Record: 5-6**NOTRE DAME**

Notre Dame, IN

S. 2 Northwestern†	42-15
S. 9 Purdue	39-21
S. 16 Vanderbilt†	
S. 23 Texas†	
S. 30 Ohio St.	
O. 7 Washington	
O. 14 Army@	
O. 21 Southern Cal†	17-17
O. 28 Boston College†	11-30
N. 4 Navy†	58-21
N. 18 Air Force	42-30

@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1994 Record: 6-4-1**OHIO**

Athens, OH

A. 31 Iowa St.*	
S. 9 Illinois St.†	
S. 16 Kent†	0-24
S. 23 Eastern Michigan†	13-24
S. 30 North Carolina	
O. 14 Western Michigan†	3-15
O. 21 Akron*	10-24
O. 28 Ball St.†	14-21
N. 4 Bowling Green	0-32
N. 11 Miami (Ohio)†	10-31
N. 18 Toledo	6-31

Coach: Jim Grobe • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats • 1994 Record: 0-11**OHIO ST.**

Columbus, OH

A. 27 Boston College@*	
S. 16 Washington†	16-25
S. 23 Pittsburgh	27-3
S. 30 Notre Dame†	
O. 7 Penn St.	14-63
O. 14 Wisconsin†	24-3
O. 21 Purdue†	48-14
O. 28 Iowa†	
N. 4 Minnesota*	
N. 11 Illinois†	10-24
N. 18 Indiana†	32-17
N. 25 Michigan	22-6

@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: John Cooper • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes • 1994 Record: 9-3**OKLAHOMA**

Norman, OK

S. 9 San Diego St.†	
S. 16 Southern Methodist†	
S. 23 North Texas†	
S. 30 Colorado†	7-45
O. 7 Iowa St.	34-6
O. 14 Texas@ At Dallas, TX	10-17
O. 21 Kansas†	20-17
O. 28 Missouri	30-13
N. 4 Kansas St.	20-37
N. 11 Oklahoma St.†	33-14
N. 24 Nebraska	3-13

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger • Colors: Crimson
& Cream • Nickname: Sooners • 1994 Record: 6-5**OKLAHOMA ST.**

Stillwater, OK

A. 31 Nebraska*	3-32
S. 2 Wyoming	
S. 9 Tulsa*	17-10
S. 16 SW Missouri St.*†	
S. 30 Tennessee	
O. 14 Kansas St.†	6-23
O. 21 Missouri	15-24
O. 28 Iowa St.	31-31
N. 4 Colorado†	3-17
N. 11 Oklahoma	14-33
N. 18 Kansas†	14-24
D. 2 Hawaii†	

Coach: Bob Simmons • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys • 1994 Record: 3-7-1**OREGON**

Eugene, OR

S. 2 Utah†	16-34
S. 9 Illinois†	
S. 16 UCLA	
S. 23 Stanford†	55-21
O. 7 Pacific (Cal.)†	
O. 14 California	23-7
O. 21 Washington St.†	7-21
O. 28 Arizona St.†	34-10
N. 4 Washington	31-20
N. 11 Arizona†	10-9
N. 18 Oregon St.†	17-13

Coach: Mike Bellotti • Colors: Green & Yellow
Nickname: Ducks • 1994 Record: 9-3**OREGON ST.**

Corvallis, OR

S. 2 Idaho†	
S. 9 Pacific (Cal.)†	24-12
S. 16 North Texas	
S. 23 Arizona St.*	16-22
S. 30 Washington†	10-24
O. 7 Washington St.	21-3
O. 21 California†	
O. 28 Stanford	29-35
N. 4 Arizona†	10-30
N. 11 Southern Cal†	19-27
N. 18 Oregon	13-17

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers • 1994 Record: 4-7**PACIFIC**

Stockton, CA

S. 2 Arizona†	
S. 9 Oregon St.*†	12-24
S. 16 Fresno St.*	
S. 23 Nebraska	21-70
O. 7 Oregon	
O. 14 Louisiana Tech†	
O. 21 SW Louisiana	
O. 28 San Jose St.	15-28
N. 4 New Mexico St.†	21-14
N. 11 Nevada†	26-38
N. 18 Utah St.	28-6

Coach: Chuck Shelton • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 6-5**PENN ST.**

University Park, PA

S. 9 Texas Tech†	
S. 16 Temple†	48-21
S. 23 Rutgers@	55-27
S. 30 Wisconsin†	
O. 7 Ohio St.†	63-14
O. 14 Purdue	
O. 21 Iowa	61-21
O. 28 Indiana†	35-29
N. 4 Northwestern	45-17
N. 18 Michigan†	31-24
N. 25 Michigan St.	59-31

@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Joe Paterno • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1994 Record: 11-0**PENNSYLVANIA**

Philadelphia, PA

S. 16 Dartmouth†	13-11
S. 23 Lafayette	27-7
S. 30 Bucknell†	
O. 7 Columbia	12-3
O. 14 William & Mary	
O. 21 Brown†	24-0
O. 28 Yale	14-6
N. 4 Princeton†	33-19
N. 11 Harvard	33-0
N. 18 Cornell†	18-14

Coach: Al Bagnoli • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Red & Blue, Quakers
1994 Record: 9-0**PITTSBURGH**

Pittsburgh, PA

S. 2 Washington St.*†	
S. 9 Eastern Michigan†	
S. 16 Texas	28-30
S. 23 Ohio St.†	3-27
S. 30 Virginia Tech†	7-45
O. 7 Boston College	9-21
O. 14 Temple†	45-19
O. 21 Miami (Fla.)†	12-17
O. 28 Rutgers	35-21
N. 11 Syracuse†	7-31
N. 24 West Virginia	41-47

Coach: Johnny Majors • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1994 Record: 3-8**PRAIRIE VIEW**

Prairie View, TX

S. 2 Texas Southern†	13-20
S. 16 Southern-B. R.*	7-21
S. 23 Tarleton St.*	20-70
S. 30 Grambling@*	0-66
O. 14 Alcorn†	14-69
O. 21 Alabama St.	13-54
O. 28 Mississippi Valley†	10-21
N. 11 Jackson St.†	7-52

@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: Ronald Beard • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1994 Record: 0-11**PRINCETON**

Princeton, NJ

S. 16 Cornell†	16-31
S. 23 Bucknell†	12-7
S. 30 Colgate	29-3
O. 7 Brown	31-10
O. 14 Lafayette†	
O. 21 Harvard	18-7
O. 28 Columbia†	10-17
N. 4 Pennsylvania†	19-33
N. 11 Yale†	19-6
N. 18 Dartmouth	20-13

Coach: Steve Tosches • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 7-3**PURDUE**

West Lafayette, IN

S. 2 West Virginia	
S. 9 Notre Dame†	21-39
S. 23 Michigan St.†	30-42
S. 30 Ball St.†	49-21
O. 7 Minnesota†	49-37
O. 14 Penn St.†	
O. 21 Ohio St.	14-48
N. 4 Wisconsin†	27-27
N. 11 Michigan	23-45
N. 18 Northwestern†	
N. 24 Indiana	29-33

Coach: Jim Coletto • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Boilermakers • 1994 Record: 4-5-2

RHODE ISLAND Kingston, RI

S. 2	Delaware St.	26-28
S. 9	Maine+	28-21
S. 16	New Hampshire	7-13
S. 23	Brown	29-32
S. 30	Massachusetts+	12-22
O. 7	William & Mary	17-38
O. 14	Boston U.	23-45
O. 21	Connecticut+	16-33
N. 4	Villanova+	16-33
N. 11	Hofstra+	16-42
N. 18	Delaware+	7-26

Coach: Floyd Keith • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Rams • 1994 Record: 2-9

RICE Houston, TX

S. 2	Nevada-Las Vegas+	34-31
S. 16	Tulane+	13-15
S. 23	Louisiana St.*	24-21
S. 30	Army	19-17
O. 7	Texas	25-27
O. 14	Texas Christian+	24-21
O. 21	Texas Tech	17-10
O. 28	Southern Methodist	0-7
N. 9	Texas A&M+	14-19
N. 18	Baylor	31-13
D. 2	Houston+	

Coach: Ken Hatfield • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Owls • 1994 Record: 5-6

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S. 2	VMI+	14-13
S. 9	Massachusetts	24-40
S. 16	Citadel+	23-11
S. 30	Boston U.+	3-28
O. 7	Northeastern+	16-29
O. 14	Delaware	14-42
O. 21	Fordham	20-21
O. 28	James Madison	6-38
N. 4	New Hampshire+	
N. 11	William & Mary	
N. 18	Villanova	

Coach: Jim Reid • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Spiders • 1994 Record: 3-8

ROBERT MORRIS Coraopolis, PA

S. 2	Waynesburg+	24-19
S. 9	Monmouth	26-19
S. 16	Duquesne*	28-6
S. 30	Central Connecticut+	24-17
O. 7	Gannon	28-0
O. 14	Wagner+	21-38
O. 21	Mercyhurst+	37-27
O. 28	Towson St.	38-14
N. 4	Bethany (W. Va.)	14-14
N. 11	St. Francis (Pa.)	

Coach: Joe Walton • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Colonials • 1994 Record: 7-1-1

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S. 9	Duke*	27-55
S. 16	Navy+	36-37
S. 23	Penn St. @	3-24
S. 30	Syracuse+	34-41
O. 14	Miami (Fla.)	21-35
O. 21	Virginia Tech+	17-12
O. 28	Pittsburgh+	38-21
N. 4	West Va.	7-7
N. 11	Tulane*	
N. 18	Temple	
N. 24	Boston College+	

Coach: Doug Graber • Colors: Scarlet
 Nickname: Scarlet Knights • 1994 Record: 5-5-1

SAM HOUSTON ST. Huntsville, TX

S. 2	Jacksonville St.*	17-10
S. 9	Alcorn St.*	48-23
S. 16	Boise St.*	31-0
S. 23	Texas A&M-Kingsville+	6-42
S. 30	Texas Southern*	0-54
O. 7	Stephen F. Austin+	6-30
O. 14	Northeastern St.*	0-24
O. 21	McNeese St.*	34-10
O. 28	Nicholls St.*	
N. 18	SW Texas St.	

Coach: Ron Randleman • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Bearkats • 1994 Record: 6-5

SAMFORD Birmingham, AL

A. 31	Arkansas-Monticello+	43-36
S. 9	Austin Peay*	29-20
S. 16	Tennessee Tech*	6-24
S. 30	Nicholls St.*	36-35
O. 7	Central Florida	45-45
O. 14	Chattanooga St.*	40-34
O. 21	Stephen F. Austin+	26-30
O. 28	Alcorn St.	
N. 4	Morgan St.+	
N. 11	UT-Martin	
N. 17	Troy St.*	

Coach: Pete Hurt • Colors: Crimson & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 4-6-1

SAN DIEGO San Diego, CA

S. 2	Cal St. Chico*	24-42
S. 9	Dayton*	29-24
S. 23	Cal Lutheran	33-27
S. 30	Valparaiso	49-21
O. 7	Azusa Pacific*	28-16
O. 14	Evansville	9-14
O. 21	Redlands*	21-38
O. 28	Drake*	45-35
N. 4	Butler*	
N. 11	Wagner+	

Coach: Brian Fogarty • Colors: Columbia Blue, Navy & White • Nickname: Toreros
 1994 Record: 6-4

SAN DIEGO ST. San Diego, CA

S. 2	California*	22-20
S. 9	Oklahoma	28-35
S. 16	Brigham Young*	22-38
S. 30	Nevada*	42-49
O. 7	Utah*	16-23
O. 14	Fresno St.*	31-10
O. 21	San Jose St.*	6-34
O. 28	UTEP*	19-14
N. 4	New Mexico+	14-38
N. 11	Wyoming+	10-0
N. 18	Hawaii*	45-20
N. 25	Colorado St.+	17-12

Coach: Ted Tollner • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Aztecs • 1994 Record: 4-7

SAN JOSE ST. San Jose, CA

S. 2	Stanford+	20-51
S. 9	Southern Cal	14-41
S. 16	Northern Illinois+	14-41
S. 23	California	14-27
S. 30	Utah St.*	17-38
O. 14	Nevada-Las Vegas+	27-33
O. 21	San Diego St.*	7-39
O. 28	Pacific (Cal.)+	21-24
N. 4	Arkansas St.	10-42
N. 11	New Mexico St.	
N. 18	Nevada	

Coach: John Ralston • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
 Nickname: Spartans • 1994 Record: 3-8

SIENA Loudonville, NY

S. 16	Canisius+	7-28
S. 23	St. Peter's+	22-23
S. 30	Iona+	38-21
O. 7	Rensselaer	7-34
O. 14	Central Connecticut	21-16
O. 21	Duquesne	8-24
O. 28	St. John's (N.Y.)+	18-19
N. 4	Georgetown	19-45
N. 11	Marist	

Coach: Jack DuBois • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Saints • 1994 Record: 2-7

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S. 2	Georgia	21-24
S. 9	Arkansas	14-0
S. 16	Louisiana Tech+	31-6
S. 23	Kentucky+	23-9
S. 30	Louisiana St.+	18-17
O. 7	Kent+	36-41
O. 14	Mississippi St.*	19-16
O. 21	Vanderbilt+	22-31
O. 28	Tennessee	17-48
N. 11	Florida+	33-7
N. 18	Clemson+	

Coach: Brad Scott • Colors: Garnet & Black
 Nickname: Fighting Gamecocks
 1994 Record: 6-5

SOUTH CAROLINA ST.

S. 2	Georgia Southern*	21-26
S. 9	Furman+	37-0
S. 16	Charleston Southern*	28-32
S. 30	Tennessee St. @	49-7
O. 7	Morgan St.	28-26
O. 14	Bethune-Cookman	42-38
O. 28	Delaware St.+	40-14
N. 4	Howard	27-15
N. 11	Florida A&M+	46-24
N. 18	North Carolina A&T+	

Coach: Willie E. Jeffries • Colors: Garnet & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1994 Record: 9-2

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.

A. 31	Southern Illinois+	24-14
S. 9	Eastern Illinois*	16-23
S. 16	Murray St.*	31-10
S. 23	Austin Peay*	6-34
S. 30	Eastern Ky.+	19-14
O. 7	Tennessee Tech+	14-38
O. 21	Middle Tennessee St.	10-0
O. 28	UT-Martin	45-20
N. 4	Morehead St.+	17-12
N. 11	SW Missouri St.+	
N. 18	Tennessee St.+	

Coach: John Mumford • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Indians • 1994 Record: 7-5

SOUTHERN CAL Los Angeles, CA

S. 9	San Jose St.+	14-41
S. 16	Houston+	14-41
S. 23	Arizona	14-27
S. 30	Arizona St.+	17-38
O. 7	California	27-33
O. 14	Washington St.+	7-39
O. 21	Notre Dame	21-24
O. 28	Washington	10-7
N. 4	Stanford+	27-19
N. 11	Oregon St.	19-31
N. 18	UCLA+	

Coach: John Robinson • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Trojans • 1994 Record: 7-3-1

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale, IL

A. 31	SE Missouri St.*	14-24
S. 9	Murray St.+	14-41
S. 16	Arkansas St.*	14-41
S. 23	Nicholls St.*	14-27
S. 30	Indiana St.*	17-38
O. 7	Illinois St.+	27-33
O. 14	SW Missouri St.+	7-39
O. 21	Northern Iowa*	21-24
O. 28	Western Illinois	10-7
N. 4	Western Kentucky+	3-24
N. 11	Eastern Illinois+	

Coach: Shawn Watson • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Salukis • 1994 Record: 1-10

SOUTHERN METHODIST

S. 2	Arkansas*	14-34
S. 9	Navy*	14-41
S. 16	Oklahoma	14-27
S. 23	Wisconsin	20-42
S. 30	Texas+	21-21
O. 14	Texas A&M	33-39
O. 21	Houston*	10-17
O. 28	Rice+	14-35
N. 4	Texas Christian	10-44
N. 11	Baylor+	7-35
N. 18	Texas Tech+	

Coach: Tom Rossley • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Mustangs • 1994 Record: 1-9-1

SOUTHERN MISS. Hattiesburg, MS

S. 2	Northern Illinois+	6-14
S. 9	Alabama	25-10
S. 16	Utah St.*	10-31
S. 23	Indiana	20-3
S. 30	Tulane+	43-20
O. 7	Louisville+	
O. 14	Cincinnati	
O. 28	East Carolina+	
N. 4	Tennessee	
N. 11	Memphis	
N. 18	SW Louisiana*	

Coach: Jeff Bower • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1994 Record: 6-5

SOUTHERN UTAH Cedar City, UT

S. 2	Angelo St.*	41-26
S. 9	Montana Tech+	21-35
S. 16	Western St.*	28-13
S. 23	Idaho St.*	45-20
S. 30	SW Texas St.*	16-41
O. 7	Cal Poly SLO+	16-27
O. 14	Nebraska-Kearney+	
O. 21	St. Mary's (Cal.)	
O. 28	Cal St. Northridge	
N. 4	UC Davis+	
N. 11	Cal St. Sacramento*	

Coach: Jack Bishop • Colors: Scarlet, Royal Blue & White • Nickname: Thunderbirds
 1994 Record: 4-7

SOUTHERN-B. R. Baton Rouge, LA

S. 2	Northwestern St.+	20-0
S. 9	Alabama St.*	31-0
S. 16	Prairie View*	21-7
S. 23	Hampton*	19-0
S. 30	Mississippi Valley*	21-24
O. 14	Jackson St.*	37-41
O. 21	Alcorn St.+	14-20
O. 28	Nicholls St.+	14-16
N. 4	Florida A&M @	21-10
N. 11	Texas Southern*	34-7
N. 25	Grambling*	

Coach: Pete Richardson • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Jaguars • 1994 Record: 6-5

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.

S. 2	McNeese St.*	21-38
S. 9	NE Missouri St.*	14-28
S. 16	Oklahoma St.*	10-7
S. 23	Eastern Illinois*	33-27
S. 30	Illinois St.*	24-31
O. 7	Indiana St.+	7-12
O. 14	Southern Illinois	19-15
O. 21	Western Illinois	
O. 28	Northern Iowa+	
N. 11	SE Missouri St.	
N. 18	Jacksonville St.+	

Coach: Del Miller • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Bears • 1994 Record: 4-7

SOUTHWEST TEXAS ST.

S. 7	Eastern Washington*	14-45
S. 14	Texas A&M-Kingsville*	28-23
S. 23	Montana St.	27-26
S. 30	Southern Utah+	17-41
O. 7	Cal St. Northridge+	10-34
O. 14	Cal St. Sacramento*	19-24
O. 21	Nicholls St.	10-34
O. 28	Northwestern St.	
N. 4	McNeese St.+	
N. 11	Stephen F. Austin	
N. 18	Sam Houston St.+	

Coach: Jim Bob Helduser • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1994 Record: 4-7

SOUTHWESTERN LA. Lafayette, LA

S. 2	Nevada	0-21
S. 9	Alabama-Birmingham*	3-7
S. 16	Memphis*	16-39
S. 23	Northern Illinois	45-20
O. 7	Arkansas St.*	27-7
O. 14	New Mexico St.+	13-35
O. 21	Pacific (Cal.)+	21-24
O. 28	Tulane*	7-29
N. 4	Louisiana Tech*	14-14
N. 11	Arkansas	
N. 18	Southern Mississippi*	

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White
 Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1994 Record: 6-5

ST. FRANCIS Loretto, PA

S. 2	Gannon+	0-21
S. 9	Duquesne+	16-39
S. 16	Marist+	45-20
S. 23	Bethany (W. Va.)	27-7
O. 1	Mercyhurst	13-35
O. 7	Wagner	
O. 14	Towson St.+	
O. 21	Central Connecticut+	
O. 28	Monmouth+	
N. 11	Robert Morris	

Coach: Frank Pergolizzi • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Red Flash • 1994 Record: 2-7-1

ST. JOHN'S Jamaica, NY

S. 9	Sacred Heart+	6-3
S. 16	Pace	20-13
S. 23	Monmouth	38-18
S. 30	Marist+	13-32
O. 7	Georgetown	19-16
O. 14	Canisius+	34-22
O. 21	St. Peter's+	27-7
O. 28	Siena	24-8
N. 4	Duquesne	24-7
N. 10	Iona+	21-7

Coach: Bob Ricca • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Red Storm • 1994 Record: 9-1

ST. MARY'S Moraga, CA

S. 2	Sonoma St.+	45-21
S. 9	Cal St. Chico+	34-17
S. 16	Weber St.	
S. 23	Columbia	
S. 30	Humboldt St.	27-22
O. 7	San Francisco St.	24-0
O. 14	UC Davis+	0-13
O. 21	Southern Utah+	13-28
O. 28	Cal Poly SLO+	20-34
N. 4	Cal St. Sacramento	14-12
N. 11	Cal St. Northridge	20-10

Coach: Mike Rasmussen • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Gaels • 1994 Record: 7-3

ST. PETER'S Jersey City, NJ

S. 16	Monmouth+	
S. 23	Siena	23-22
S. 29	Wagner+	3-42
O. 7	Duquesne	21-40
O. 14	Iona+	14-31
O. 21	St. John's (N.Y.)	7-27
O. 28	Canisius+	15-36
N. 4	Marist	0-33
N. 11	Georgetown+	7-41

Coach: Mark Collins • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Peacocks • 1994 Record: 1-8

STANFORD Stanford, CA

S. 2	San Jose St.	51-20
S. 9	Utah+	
S. 16	Wisconsin+	
S. 23	Oregon	21-55
O. 7	Arizona St.	35-36
O. 14	Washington+	46-28
O. 21	UCLA+	30-31
O. 28	Oregon St.	35-29
N. 4	Southern Cal.	20-27
N. 11	Washington St.	
N. 18	California+	23-24

Coach: Tryone Willingham • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Cardinal • 1994 Record: 3-7-1

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Nacogdoches, TX

S. 2	Northern Iowa+	
S. 9	Youngstown St.	10-10
S. 16	Angelo St.+	
S. 23	Henderson St.+	51-0
O. 7	Sam Houston St.	42-6
O. 14	Nicholls St.+	24-10
O. 21	Samford	
O. 28	McNeese St.	9-13
N. 11	SW Texas St.	24-19
N. 18	Northwestern St.	34-13

Coach: John Pearce • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1994 Record: 6-3-2

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S. 2	North Carolina+	
S. 9	East Carolina+	21-18
S. 23	Minnesota+	
S. 30	Rutgers	37-36
O. 7	Temple+	49-42
O. 14	Eastern Michigan+	
O. 21	West Virginia+	0-13
N. 4	Virginia Tech	28-20
N. 11	Pittsburgh	31-7
N. 18	Boston College+	0-31
N. 25	Miami (Fla.)	6-27

Coach: Paul Pasquaroni • Colors: Orange
 Nickname: Orangemen • 1994 Record: 7-4

TEMPLE Philadelphia, PA

S. 2	Kansas St.	
S. 9	West Virginia	17-55
S. 16	Penn St.	21-48
S. 30	Bowling Green+	
O. 7	Syracuse	42-49
O. 14	Pittsburgh+	19-45
O. 21	East Carolina	14-31
O. 28	Miami (Fla.)	14-38
N. 4	Boston College+	28-45
N. 11	Virginia Tech+	13-41
N. 18	Rutgers+	21-38

Coach: Ron Dickerson • Colors: Cherry & White
 Nickname: Owls • 1994 Record: 2-9

UT-CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S. 2	Charleston Southern+	
S. 9	Auburn+	
S. 16	Bethune-Cookman+	
S. 23	Georgia Southern+	20-56
S. 30	Marshall+	21-62
O. 14	VMI	49-14
O. 21	Western Carolina+	15-53
O. 28	Appalachian St.	16-30
N. 4	Citadel+	26-42
N. 11	East Tennessee St.	13-30
N. 18	Furman+	34-20

Coach: Buddy Green • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Moccasins • 1994 Record: 3-8

UT-MARTIN Martin, TN

S. 7	Bethel (Tenn.)+	
S. 16	Eastern Illinois+	
S. 23	Morehead St.	21-7
S. 30	Tennessee Tech+	20-10
O. 7	Murray St.	24-28
O. 14	Tennessee St.+	3-20
O. 21	Eastern Kentucky	14-34
O. 28	SE Missouri St.	0-10
N. 4	Middle Tennessee St.	7-38
N. 11	Samford+	
N. 18	Austin Peay+	21-27

Coach: Don McLeary • Colors: Orange, White & Royal Blue • Nickname: Skyhawks • 1994 Record: 5-6

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

S. 2	East Carolina+	
S. 9	Georgia+	41-23
S. 16	Florida	0-31
S. 23	Mississippi St.	21-24
S. 30	Oklahoma St.	
O. 7	Arkansas	38-21
O. 14	Alabama	13-17
O. 28	South Carolina+	31-22
N. 4	Southern Mississippi+	
N. 18	Kentucky	52-0
N. 25	Vanderbilt+	65-0

Coach: Phillip Fulmer • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Volunteers • 1994 Record: 7-4

TENNESSEE ST. Nashville, TN

S. 2	Middle Tennessee St.	10-45
S. 9	Jackson St.*	12-31
S. 23	Florida A&M+	10-14
S. 30	South Carolina St.	32-28
O. 7	Morehead St.+	48-10
O. 14	UT-Martin	20-3
O. 21	Austin Peay	26-22
O. 28	Eastern Kentucky+	17-28
N. 4	Tennessee Tech+	20-28
N. 11	Murray St.	24-21
N. 18	SE Missouri St.	12-17

@ At Memphis, TN

At Orlando, FL

\$ At Atlanta, GA

Coach: Bill Davis • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 5-6

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

A. 31	Campbellsville+	
S. 9	Marshall+	10-24
S. 16	Samford+	20-7
S. 23	Eastern Kentucky+	3-23
S. 30	UT-Martin	10-20
O. 7	SE Missouri St.	14-19
O. 14	Austin Peay+	27-34
O. 21	Morehead St.	56-14
O. 28	Murray St.	38-21
N. 4	Tennessee St.	28-20
N. 11	Middle Tennessee St.	3-31

Coach: Jim Ragland • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1994 Record: 5-6

TEXAS Austin, TX

S. 2	Hawaii+	
S. 16	Pittsburgh+	30-28
S. 23	Notre Dame	
S. 30	Southern Methodist	42-20
O. 7	Rice+	17-19
O. 14	Oklahoma+	17-10
O. 21	Virginia+	
N. 4	Texas Tech+	9-33
N. 11	Houston+	48-13
N. 18	Texas Christian+	34-18
N. 23	Baylor+	63-35
D. 2	Texas A&M	10-34

@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: John Mackovic • Colors: Burnt Orange & White • Nickname: Longhorns
 1994 Record: 7-4

TEXAS A&M College Station, TX

S. 2	Louisiana St.	18-13
S. 16	Tulsa+	
S. 23	Colorado	
O. 7	Texas Tech	23-17
O. 14	Southern Methodist+	21-21
O. 21	Baylor	41-21
O. 28	Houston+	38-7
N. 9	Rice+	7-0
N. 18	Middle Tennessee St.	
N. 25	Texas Christian	34-17
D. 2	Texas+	34-10

Coach: R. C. Slomcum • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Aggies • 1994 Record: 10-0-1

TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth, TX

S. 9	Iowa St.+	
S. 14	Kansas+	31-21
S. 23	Vanderbilt+	
O. 7	Houston+	31-10
O. 14	Rice+	27-25
O. 21	Tulane+	30-28
O. 28	Baylor	18-42
N. 4	Southern Methodist+	35-14
N. 11	Texas Tech	24-17
N. 18	Texas	18-34
N. 25	Texas A&M+	17-34

Coach: Pat Sullivan • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Horned Frogs • 1994 Record: 7-4

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S. 2	Prairie View+	20-13
S. 9	Clark Atlanta+	
S. 23	Alcorn St.+	21-28
S. 30	Sam Houston St.+	0-31
O. 14	Alabama St.+	14-28
O. 21	Mississippi Valley	30-24
O. 28	Grambling	20-51
N. 4	Jackson St.+	41-47
N. 11	Southern-B. R.+	10-21
N. 18	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	

Coach: Bill Thomas • Colors: Maroon & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 4-7

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S. 9	Penn St.	
S. 16	Missouri+	
S. 30	Baylor+	38-7
O. 7	Texas A&M+	17-23
O. 14	Arkansas St.+	
O. 21	Rice+	21-24
O. 28	New Mexico	37-31
N. 4	Texas	33-9
N. 11	Texas Christian+	17-24
N. 18	Southern Methodist	35-7
N. 25	Houston+	34-0

Coach: Spike Dykes • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1994 Record: 6-5

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S. 9	East Tennessee St.+	
S. 16	Western Michigan+	37-34
S. 23	Nevada	
S. 30	Cincinnati	
O. 7	Ball St.	24-24
O. 14	Miami (Ohio)	
O. 21	Bowling Green	16-31
O. 28	Eastern Michigan+	37-40
N. 4	Central Michigan	27-45
N. 11	Akron+	48-25
N. 18	Ohio University+	31-6

Coach: Gary Pinkel • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Rockets • 1994 Record: 6-4-1

TOWSON ST. Towson, MD

S. 9	Butler+	
S. 16	Dayton	
S. 23	Wagner	
S. 30	Monmouth+	
O. 7	Central Connecticut	
O. 14	St. Francis (Pa.)	
O. 21	Bucknell+	28-41
O. 28	Robert Morris+	
N. 4	American Int'l	48-6
N. 11	Southern Connecticut+	48-0

Coach: Gordy Combs • Colors: Gold & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1994 Record: 8-2

TROY ST. Troy, AL

S. 2	East Tennessee St.	
S. 9	Northwestern St.+	20-24
S. 16	Nicholls St.	35-14
S. 23	Alabama St.	49-27
S. 30	Western Kentucky.+	38-16
O. 7	NE Louisiana+	
O. 14	Charleston Southern	55-20
O. 21	Jacksonville St.+	
O. 28	Alabama-Birmingham+	
N. 11	Central Florida	39-38
N. 17	Samford+	30-26

Coach: Larry Blackeney • Colors: Cardinal, Grey & Black • Nickname: Trojans
 1994 Record: 8-3

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S. 2	Maryland+	10-38
S. 9	Wake Forest+	
S. 16	Rice+	15-13
S. 30	Southern Mississippi	10-25
O. 7	Mississippi	0-38
O. 14	Memphis+	0-13
O. 21	Texas Christian	28-30
O. 28	SW Louisiana+	
N. 4	Louisville	
N. 11	Rutgers+	
N. 18	Navy	15-17

Coach: Buddy Tevens • Colors: Olive Green & Sky Blue • Nickname: Green Wave
 1994 Record: 1-10

TULSA Tulsa, TX

S. 2	Baylor+	
S. 9	Oklahoma St.+	10-17
S. 16	Texas A&M	
S. 23	East Tennessee St.+	
S. 30	Louisiana Tech@*	
O. 7	Wyoming+	7-17
O. 14	UTEP+	17-24
O. 28	Memphis+	18-42
N. 4	Brigham Young	
N. 11	East Carolina	21-28
N. 18	Cincinnati+	13-28

@ At Shreveport, LA

Coach: David Rader • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Hurricane • 1994 Record: 3-8

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 2	Miami (Fla.)+	
S. 9	Brigham Young	
S. 16	Oregon+	
S. 23	Washington St.	0-21
S. 30	Fresno St.+	
O. 14	Arizona+	24-34
O. 21	Stanford	31-30
O. 28	California+	7-26
N. 4	Arizona St.	59-23
N. 11	Washington+	10-37
N. 18	Southern Cal	31-19

Coach: Terry Donahue • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Bruins • 1994 Record: 5-6

UTAH Salt Lake City, UT

S. 2	Oregon+	34-16
S. 9	Stanford+	
S. 16	New Mexico+	21-23
S. 23	Fresno St.+	
S. 30	UTEP+	52-7
O. 7	San Diego St.+	38-22
O. 14	Colorado St.	45-31
O. 21	Air Force+	33-40
O. 28	Utah St.	32-17
N. 4	Wyoming	41-7
N. 18	Brigham Young	34-31

Coach: Ron McBride • Colors: Crimson & White
 Nickname: Utes • 1994 Record: 9-2

UTAH ST. Logan, UT

S. 2	Arkansas St.*	.....	31-34
S. 9	Boise St.*	.....	21-31
S. 16	Southern Mississippi*	.....	11-28
S. 30	San Jose St.*	.....	7-45
O. 7	Colorado St.*	.....	7-49
O. 14	Northern Illinois*	.....	14-49
O. 21	New Mexico St.*	.....	14-49
O. 28	Utah	.....	7-33
N. 4	Nevada*	.....	26-23
N. 11	Nevada-Las Vegas	.....	21-23
N. 18	Pacific (Cal.)*	.....	6-28

Coach: John L. Smith • Colors: Navy Blue & White • Nickname: Aggies • 1994 Record: 3-8

UTEP El Paso, TX

S. 2	New Mexico St.*	.....	22-23
S. 9	Arizona St.*	.....	34-28
S. 16	Valdosta St.*	.....	7-52
S. 23	Hawaii*	.....	7-47
S. 30	Utah*	.....	24-17
O. 7	Air Force	.....	13-36
O. 14	Tulsa*	.....	9-47
O. 21	Wyoming*	.....	30-30
O. 28	San Diego St.*	.....	21-25
N. 4	Colorado St.*	.....	9-47
N. 11	Fresno St.*	.....	30-30
N. 18	New Mexico*	.....	21-25

Coach: Charlie Bailey • Colors: Orange, White & Blue • Nickname: Miners • 1994 Record: 3-7-1

VALPARAISO Valparaiso, IN

S. 9	St. Xavier (Ill.)	.....	45-10
S. 16	Wis.-Whitewater*	.....	27-33
S. 23	Kalamazoo	.....	20-14
S. 30	San Diego*	.....	3-23
O. 7	Butler	.....	34-21
O. 14	Drake*	.....	13-30
O. 21	Evansville*	.....	28-10
O. 28	Dayton	.....	30-23
N. 4	Aurora	.....	30-23
N. 11	Kentucky Wesleyan*	.....	30-23

Coach: Tom Horne • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Crusaders • 1994 Record: 7-3

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S. 2	Alabama*	.....	7-17
S. 16	Notre Dame	.....	43-30
S. 23	Texas Christian*	.....	16-19
S. 30	Arkansas*	.....	14-20
O. 14	Georgia*	.....	24-6
O. 21	South Carolina	.....	7-24
O. 28	Mississippi	.....	0-65
N. 4	Kentucky*	.....	15-30
N. 11	Louisiana Tech*	.....	23-31
N. 18	Florida	.....	28-53
N. 25	Tennessee	.....	34-10

Coach: Rod Dowhower • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Commodores • 1994 Record: 5-6

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S. 8	Boston U.*	.....	15-30
S. 16	Delaware	.....	31-38
S. 23	James Madison*	.....	23-31
S. 30	Buffalo*	.....	10-26
O. 7	Connecticut*	.....	13-9
O. 14	Northeastern*	.....	28-53
O. 21	Navy	.....	14-21
O. 28	William & Mary	.....	38-6
N. 4	Rhode Island	.....	14-21
N. 11	New Hampshire*	.....	14-21
N. 18	Richmond*	.....	38-6

Coach: Andy Talley • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 5-6

VIRGINIA Charlottesville, VA

A. 26	Michigan	.....	37-3
S. 2	William & Mary*	.....	27-30
S. 9	North Carolina St.	.....	24-7
S. 16	Georgia Tech*	.....	9-6
S. 23	Clemson	.....	42-6
S. 30	Wake Forest*	.....	34-10
O. 7	North Carolina	.....	25-28
O. 14	Duke*	.....	17-41
O. 21	Texas	.....	46-21
N. 2	Florida St.*	.....	42-23
N. 11	Maryland	.....	42-23
N. 18	Virginia Tech*	.....	42-23

Coach: George Welsh • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers • 1994 Record: 8-3

VIRGINIA MILITARY Lexington, VA

S. 2	Richmond	.....	31-34
S. 9	Liberty*	.....	21-31
S. 16	East Tennessee St.*	.....	11-28
S. 23	Furman*	.....	7-45
S. 30	William & Mary*	.....	7-49
O. 7	Marshall*	.....	14-49
O. 14	UT-Chattanooga*	.....	7-33
O. 28	Western Carolina	.....	26-23
N. 4	Appalachian St.*	.....	14-58
N. 11	Citadel	.....	0-49
N. 18	Georgia Southern*	.....	0-49

Coach: Bill Stewart • Colors: Red, White & Yellow
Nickname: Keydets • 1994 Record: 1-10

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S. 7	Boston College*	.....	12-7
S. 16	Cincinnati*	.....	3-24
S. 23	Miami (Fla.)*	.....	45-7
S. 30	Pittsburgh	.....	41-34
O. 7	Navy	.....	34-6
O. 14	Akron*	.....	20-28
O. 21	Rutgers	.....	41-13
O. 28	West Virginia	.....	23-42
N. 4	Syracuse*	.....	23-42
N. 11	Temple	.....	23-42
N. 18	Virginia	.....	23-42

Coach: Frank Beamer • Colors: Orange & Maroon • Nickname: Gobblers, Hokies
1994 Record: 8-3

WAGNER Staten Island, NY

S. 16	Stony Brook*	.....	42-3
S. 23	Towson St.*	.....	35-13
S. 29	St. Peter's*	.....	38-21
O. 7	St. Francis (Pa.)*	.....	39-22
O. 14	Robert Morris	.....	28-21
O. 21	Iona*	.....	14-22
O. 28	Central Connecticut*	.....	35-45
N. 4	Monmouth	.....	35-45
N. 11	San Diego	.....	35-45

Coach: Walt Hameline • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Seahawks • 1994 Record: 6-4

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S. 2	Appalachian St.*	.....	12-10
S. 9	Tulane*	.....	8-24
S. 16	Clemson*	.....	6-42
S. 23	Navy*	.....	7-31
S. 30	Virginia	.....	14-56
O. 7	Maryland*	.....	0-50
O. 14	Florida St.	.....	26-51
O. 21	North Carolina	.....	20-13
O. 28	Duke	.....	3-34
N. 4	Georgia Tech*	.....	3-34
N. 18	North Carolina St.*	.....	3-34

Coach: Jim Caldwell • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Demon Deacons • 1994 Record: 3-8

WASHINGTON Seattle, WA

S. 2	Arizona St.*	.....	35-14
S. 16	Ohio St.	.....	25-16
S. 23	Army*	.....	24-10
S. 30	Oregon St.	.....	28-46
O. 7	Notre Dame*	.....	17-24
O. 14	Stanford	.....	20-31
O. 21	Arizona	.....	37-10
O. 28	Southern Cal*	.....	6-23
N. 4	Oregon*	.....	6-23
N. 11	UCLA	.....	6-23
N. 18	Washington St.*	.....	6-23

Coach: Jim Lambright • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies • 1994 Record: 7-4

WASHINGTON ST. Pullman, WA

S. 2	Pittsburgh*	.....	34-37
S. 9	Montana*	.....	13-16
S. 23	UCLA*	.....	24-10
S. 30	Nebraska	.....	19-6
O. 7	Oregon St.*	.....	15-3
O. 14	Southern Cal	.....	7-10
O. 21	Oregon	.....	26-23
O. 28	Arizona*	.....	28-35
N. 4	California	.....	28-35
N. 11	Stanford	.....	28-35
N. 18	Washington	.....	28-35

Coach: Mike Price • Colors: Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars • 1994 Record: 7-4

WEBER ST. Ogden, UT

S. 2	Western Michigan*	.....	40-6
S. 9	Central Michigan	.....	40-6
S. 16	St. Mary's (Cal.)*	.....	40-6
S. 23	Cal Poly SLO*	.....	40-6
S. 30	Eastern Washington*	.....	40-6
O. 7	Montana	.....	40-6
O. 14	Boise St.*	.....	40-6
O. 21	Montana St.	.....	40-6
O. 28	Idaho*	.....	40-6
N. 11	Northern Arizona*	.....	40-6
N. 18	Idaho St.*	.....	40-6

Coach: Dave Arslanian • Colors: Royal Purple & White • Nickname: Wildcats • 1994 Record: 5-6

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown, WV

S. 2	Purdue*	.....	55-17
S. 9	Temple*	.....	13-24
S. 16	Maryland	.....	21-20
S. 23	Kent*	.....	13-0
S. 30	East Carolina	.....	6-34
O. 14	Boston College	.....	12-17
O. 21	Syracuse	.....	6-38
O. 28	Virginia Tech*	.....	47-41
N. 4	Rutgers*	.....	47-41
N. 18	Miami (Fla.)	.....	47-41
N. 24	Pittsburgh*	.....	47-41

Coach: Don Nehlen • Colors: Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1994 Record: 7-5

WESTERN CAROLINA

S. 2	Clemson	.....	42-38
S. 16	Elon*	.....	35-24
S. 23	Citadel*	.....	35-31
S. 30	Furman*	.....	14-38
O. 7	Georgia Southern	.....	53-15
O. 14	Marshall*	.....	33-7
O. 21	UT-Chattanooga	.....	7-12
O. 28	WMI*	.....	31-34
N. 11	Appalachian St.	.....	31-34
N. 18	East Tennessee St.	.....	31-34

Coach: Steve Hodgins • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Catamounts • 1994 Record: 6-5

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S. 2	Iowa Wesleyan*	.....	42-0
S. 9	Ball St.	.....	38-17
S. 23	Indiana St.*	.....	27-36
S. 30	Northern Iowa*	.....	0-17
O. 14	Illinois St.	.....	31-24
O. 21	SW Missouri St.*	.....	24-21
O. 28	Southern Illinois*	.....	23-13
N. 4	Eastern Illinois	.....	42-27
N. 11	Knoxville St.	.....	73-17
N. 18	Murray St.	.....	73-17

Coach: Randy Ball • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks • 1994 Record: 8-3

WESTERN KENTUCKY

A. 31	Murray St.*	.....	39-13
S. 9	Eastern Kentucky*	.....	24-21
S. 16	Austin Peay*	.....	21-3
S. 23	Alabama-Birmingham*	.....	31-22
S. 30	Troy St.*	.....	16-38
O. 7	Jacksonville St.*	.....	22-20
O. 14	Eastern Illinois*	.....	20-28
O. 21	Indiana St.	.....	16-28
N. 4	Southern Illinois	.....	7-10
N. 18	Liberty*	.....	7-10

Coach: Jack Harbaugh • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers • 1994 Record: 5-6

WESTERN MICH. Kalamazoo, MI

S. 2	Weber St.*	.....	34-37
S. 9	Indiana	.....	13-16
S. 16	Toledo*	.....	24-10
S. 23	Ball St.	.....	19-6
S. 30	Kent	.....	15-3
O. 7	Akron*	.....	7-10
O. 14	Ohio University	.....	33-14
O. 21	Auburn	.....	28-35
O. 28	Bowling Green*	.....	28-35
N. 11	Eastern Michigan*	.....	28-35
N. 18	Central Michigan*	.....	28-35

Coach: Al Molde • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos • 1994 Record: 7-4

WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, VA

S. 2	Virginia	.....	3-37
S. 9	James Madison*	.....	7-33
S. 16	Northeastern	.....	17-12
S. 23	New Hampshire	.....	45-7
S. 30	VMI	.....	38-17
O. 7	Rhode Island*	.....	14-23
O. 14	Pennsylvania*	.....	53-28
O. 21	Massachusetts	.....	31-7
O. 28	Villanova*	.....	21-20
N. 4	Delaware	.....	21-20
N. 11	Richmond*	.....	21-20

Coach: Jimmye Laycock • Colors: Green, Gold & Silver • Nickname: Indians, Tribe
1994 Record: 8-3

WISCONSIN Madison, WI

S. 2	Colorado*	.....	17-55
S. 16	Stanford	.....	10-29
S. 23	Southern Methodist*	.....	46-14
S. 30	Penn St.	.....	27-27
O. 7	Ohio St.*	.....	14-17
O. 21	Northwestern	.....	19-13
O. 28	Michigan St.*	.....	19-13
N. 4	Purdue	.....	19-13
N. 11	Minnesota*	.....	19-13
N. 18	Iowa*	.....	19-13
N. 25	Illinois*	.....	19-13

Coach: Barry Alvarez • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Badgers • 1994 Record: 6-4-1

WOFFORD Spartanburg, SC

S. 2	Lenoir-Rhyne*	.....	26-45
S. 9	Citadel*	.....	3-31
S. 16	Furman*	.....	42-7
S. 23	Catawba*	.....	27-34
S. 30	Presbyterian	.....	13-29
O. 7	Alabama-Birmingham	.....	21-17
O. 14	Newberry*	.....	54-33
O. 21	Liberty	.....	54-33
N. 4	Elon*	.....	54-33
N. 11	Charleston Southern	.....	54-33
N. 18	Dayton*	.....	54-33

Coach: Mike Ayers • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Terriers • 1994 Record: 5-6

WYOMING Laramie, WY

S. 2	Oklahoma St.*	.....	17-34
S. 9	Air Force	.....	13-10
S. 16	Hawaii*	.....	17-7
S. 23	Brigham Young	.....	36-13
O. 7	Tulsa	.....	24-35
O. 14	Louisville*	.....	7-41
O. 21	UTEP*	.....	52-35
O. 28	Colorado St.*	.....	24-38
N. 4	Utah*	.....	24-38
N. 11	San Diego St.	.....	24-38
N. 18	Fresno St.*	.....	24-38

Coach: Joe Tiller • Colors: Brown & Yellow
Nickname: Cowboys • 1994 Record: 6-6

YALE New Haven, CT

S. 16	Brown*	.....	27-16
S. 23	Lehigh	.....	32-36
S. 30	Connecticut*	.....	28-17
O. 7	Holy Cross	47-22
O. 14	Dartmouth*	13-14
O. 21	Columbia	9-30
O. 28	Pennsylvania*	6-14

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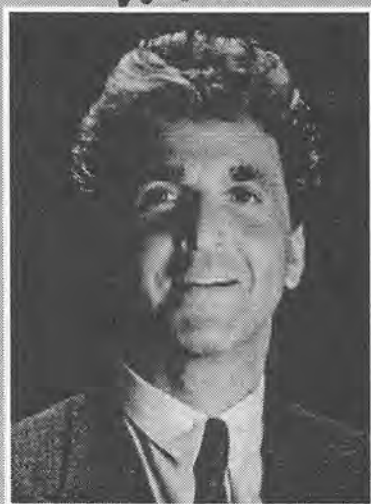
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Final Records

Division I-A

Atlantic Coast

	conference	overall
Florida St.	8 0 0 9 1 1	
North Carolina St.	6 2 0 8 3 0	
Duke	5 3 0 8 3 0	
North Carolina	5 3 0 8 3 0	
Virginia	5 3 0 8 3 0	
Clemson	4 4 0 5 6 0	
Maryland	2 6 0 4 7 0	
Wake Forest	1 7 0 3 8 0	
Georgia Tech.	0 8 0 1 10 0	

Big East

Miami	7 0 0 10 1 0
Virginia Tech.	5 2 0 8 3 0
Syracuse	4 3 0 7 4 0
West Virginia	4 3 0 7 5 0
Boston College	3 3 1 6 4 1
Rutgers	2 4 1 5 5 1
Pittsburgh	2 5 0 3 8 0
Temple	0 7 0 2 9 0

Big Eight

Nebraska	7 0 0 12 0 0
Colorado	6 1 0 10 1 0
Kansas St.	5 2 0 9 2 0
Oklahoma	4 3 0 6 5 0
Kansas	3 4 0 6 5 0
Missouri	2 5 0 3 8 1
Oklahoma St.	0 6 1 3 7 1
Iowa St.	0 6 1 0 10 1

Big Ten

Penn St.	8 0 0 11 0 0
Ohio St.	6 2 0 9 3 0
Michigan	5 3 0 7 4 0
Wisconsin	4 3 1 6 4 1
Illinois	4 4 0 6 5 0
Michigan St.	4 4 0 5 6 0
Iowa	3 4 1 5 5 1
Indiana	3 5 0 6 5 0
Purdue	2 4 2 4 5 2
Northwestern	2 6 0 3 7 1
Minnesota	1 7 0 3 8 0

Big West

Nevada*	5 1 0 9 2 0
Southwestern La.*	5 1 0 6 5 0
Nevada-Las Vegas*	5 1 0 6 5 0
Pacific	4 2 0 6 5 0
Northern Illinois	3 3 0 4 7 0
San Jose St.	3 3 0 3 8 0
Utah St.	2 4 0 3 8 0
New Mexico St.	2 4 0 3 8 0
Louisiana Tech.	1 5 0 3 8 0
Arkansas St.	0 6 0 1 10 0

* Tri-champions

Mid-American

Central Michigan	8 1 0 9 2 0
Bowling Green	7 1 0 9 2 0
Western Michigan	5 3 0 7 4 0
Miami (OH)	5 3 0 5 5 1
Ball St.	5 3 1 5 5 1
Toledo	4 3 1 6 4 1
Eastern Michigan	5 4 0 5 6 0
Kent	2 7 0 2 9 0
Akron	1 8 0 1 10 0
Ohio	0 9 0 0 11 0

Pacific-10

Oregon	7 1 0 9 3 0
Arizona	6 2 0 8 3 0
Southern Cal.	6 2 0 7 3 1
Washington St.	5 3 0 7 4 0
Washington*	4 4 0 7 4 0
UCLA	3 5 0 5 6 0
California	3 5 0 4 7 0
Oregon St.	2 6 0 4 7 0
Stanford	2 6 0 3 7 1
Arizona St.	2 6 0 3 8 0

* Ineligible for conference title and postseason

Southeastern

East	
Florida	7 1 0 10 1 1
Tennessee	5 3 0 7 4 0
South Carolina	4 4 0 6 5 0
Georgia	3 4 1 6 4 1
Vanderbilt	2 6 0 5 6 0
Kentucky	0 8 0 1 10 0

West

Alabama	8 0 0 11 1 0
Auburn*	6 1 1 9 1 1
Mississippi St.	5 3 0 8 3 0
LSU	3 5 0 4 7 0
Arkansas	2 6 0 4 7 0
Mississippi	2 6 0 4 7 0

* Ineligible for conference title and postseason

Southwest

Texas A&M*	6 0 1 10 0 1
Baylor#	4 3 0 7 4 0
Texas#	4 3 0 7 4 0
Texas Christian#	4 3 0 7 4 0
Texas Tech#	4 3 0 6 5 0
Rice#	4 3 0 5 6 0
Houston	1 6 0 1 10 0
Southern Methodist	0 6 1 1 9 1

* Ineligible for conference title and postseason

Five-way tie for conference championship

Western Athletic

Colorado St.	7 1 0 10 1 0
Utah	6 2 0 9 2 0
Brigham Young	6 2 0 9 3 0
Air Force	6 2 0 8 4 0
Wyoming	4 4 0 6 6 0
New Mexico	4 4 0 5 7 0
Fresno St.	3 4 1 5 7 1
San Diego St.	2 6 0 4 7 0
UTEP	1 6 1 3 7 1
Hawaii	0 8 0 3 8 1

Independents

East Carolina	7 4 0
Notre Dame	6 4 1
Louisville	6 5 0
Memphis	6 5 0
Southern Mississippi	6 5 0
Army	4 7 0
Navy	3 8 0
Northeast Louisiana	3 8 0
Tulsa	3 8 0
Cincinnati	2 8 1
Tulane	1 10 0

Division I-AA

American West

	conference	overall
Cal Poly SLO	3 0 0 7 4 0	
Cal St. Sacramento	2 1 0 5 5 0	
Southern Utah	1 2 0 4 7 0	
Cal St. Northridge	0 3 0 3 7 0	

Big Sky

Boise St.	6 1 0 10 1 0
Montana	5 2 0 9 2 0
Idaho	5 2 0 9 2 0
Northern Arizona	4 3 0 7 4 0
Idaho St.	4 3 0 6 5 0
Eastern Washington	2 5 0 4 7 0
Weber St.	2 5 0 5 6 0
Montana St.	0 7 0 3 8 0

Gateway

Northern Iowa	6 0 0 8 3 0
Western Illinois	4 2 0 8 3 0
Eastern Illinois	4 2 0 6 5 0
Illinois St.	3 3 0 5 5 1
Indiana St.	2 4 0 5 6 0
Southwest Mo. St.	2 4 0 4 7 0
Southern Illinois	0 6 0 1 10 0

Ivy League

Pennsylvania	7 0 0 9 0 0
Princeton	4 3 0 7 3 0
Brown	4 3 0 7 3 0
Cornell	3 4 0 6 4 0
Columbia	3 4 0 5 4 1
Yale	3 4 0 5 5 0
Harvard	2 5 0 4 6 0
Dartmouth	2 5 0 4 6 0

Metro Atlantic Athletic

Marist	6 1 0 7 3 0
St. John's (NY)	6 1 0 9 1 0
Duquesne	4 3 0 6 4 0
Georgetown	4 3 0 5 4 0
Iona	3 4 0 3 6 0
Siena	2 5 0 2 7 0
Canisius	2 5 0 2 8 0
St. Peter's	1 6 0 1 8 0

Mid-Eastern Athletic

South Carolina St.	6 0 0 9 2 0
Delaware St.	4 2 0 7 4 0
North Carolina A&T	3 3 0 6 5 0
Bethune-Cookman	3 3 0 5 6 0
Florida A&M	2 4 0 6 5 0
Morgan St.	2 4 0 3 8 0
Howard	1 5 0 4 7 0

Ohio Valley

Eastern Kentucky	8 0 0 9 2 0
Middle Tenn. St.	7 1 0 8 2 1
Southeast Mo. St.	5 3 0 7 5 0
Tennessee St.	4 4 0 5 6 0
Murray St.	4 4 0 5 6 0
Tennessee Tech	3 5 0 5 6 0
Austin Peay	3 5 0 4 7 0
Tenn.-Martin	2 6 0 5 6 0
Morehead St.	0 8 0 0 11 0

Patriot League

Lafayette	5 0 0 5 6 0
Lehigh	3 2 0 5 5 1
Holy Cross	3 2 0 3 8 0
Bucknell	2 3 0 5 6 0
Colgate	2 3 0 3 8 0
Fordham	0 5 0 0 11 0

Pioneer League

Dayton*	4 1 0 8 2 0
Butler*	4 1 0 7 3 0
Drake	3 2 0 7 3 0
Valparaiso	2 3 0 7 3 0
San Diego	2 3 0 6 4 0
Evansville	0 5 0 4 6 0

* Co-champions

Southern

Marshall	7 1 0 10 1 0
Appalachian St.	6 2 0 8 3 0
Western Carolina	5 3 0 6 5 0
Ga. Southern	5 3 0 6 5 0
East Tenn. St.	4 4 0 6 5 0
Citadel	4 4 0 5 6 0
UT-Chattanooga	2 6 0 3 8 0
Furman	2 6 0 3 8 0
Virginia Military	1 7 0 1 10 0

Southland

North Texas	5 0 1 7 3 1
McNeese St.	5 1 0 9 2 0
Stephen F. Austin	4 1 1 6 3 2
Northwestern St.	3 3 0 5 6 0
Sam Houston St.	1 5 0 6 5 0
Nicholls St.	1 5 0 5 6 0
Southwest Tex. St.	1 5 0 4 7 0

Southwestern Athletic

Grambling*	6 1 0 9 2 0
Alcorn St.*	6 1 0 8 2 1
Southern-B. R.	5 2 0 6 5 0
Jackson St.	4 3 0 7 4 0
Alabama St.	3 4 0 6 5 0
Mississippi Val.	2 5 0 4 6 0
Texas Southern	2 5 0 4 7 0
Prairie View	0 7 0 0 11 0

* Co-champions

Yankee

Mid Atlantic	
James Madison	6 2 0 9 2 0
William & Mary	6 2 0 8 3 0
Delaware	5 3 0 7 3 1
Villanova	2 6 0 5 6 0
Northeastern	2 6 0 2 9 0
Richmond	1 7 0 3 8 0

New England

New Hampshire	8 0 0 10 1 0
Boston U.	6 2 0 9 2 0
Massachusetts	4 4 0 5 6 0
Connecticut	4 4 0 4 7 0
Maine	2 6 0 3 8 0
Rhode Island	2 6 0 2 9 0

Independents

Youngstown St.	10 0 1
Holstra	8 1 1
Robert Morris	7 1 1
Towson St.	8 2 0
Monmouth (NJ)	7 2 0
Troy St.	8 3 0
St. Mary's (CA)	7 3 0
Alabama-Birmingham	7 4 0
Central Florida	7 4 0
Duquesne	6 4 0
Wagner	6 4 0
Liberty	5 6 0
Western Kentucky	5 6 0
Samford	4 6 1
Central Connecticut St.	4 6 0
Davidson	3 7 0
Buffalo	3 8 0
St. Francis (PA)	2 7 1
Charleston Southern	0 11 0

Division II

Central Intercollegiate Athletic

	conference	overall
Hampton	8 0 0 10 1 0	
Virginia St.	6 2 0 7 3 0	
Norfolk St.	5 3 0 7 3 0	
Winston-Salem	5 3 0 6 5 0	
N. C. Central	5 3 0 6 5 0	
Livingstone	5 3 0 5 5 0	
Fayetteville St.	4 4 0 4 5 1	
Elizabeth City St.	3 5 0 5 6 0	
Bowie St.	2 6 0 2 8 0	
Virginia Union	1 7 0 1 9 0	
Johnson Smith	0 8 0 0 10 0	

Eastern Collegiate

Bentley	6 0 0 10 0 0
Assumption	5 1 0 7 3 0
Stonehill	4 2 0 6 4 0
MIT	3 3 0 4 5 0
Nichols	2 4 0 2 7 0
Curry	1 5 0 1 7 1
Western New Eng.	0 6 0 0 9 0
Salve Regina*	0 0 0 8 1 0

* Ineligible for conference title

Gulf South

North Alabama	7 0 0 9 1 0
Valdosta St.	6 1 0 10 1 0
Central Ark.	6 1 0 8 2 0
West Georgia	4 3 0 7 3 0
Delta St.	2 4 1 3 5 2
Mississippi St.	2 5 0 4 5 1
Henderson St.	1 5 1 2 8 1
Livingston	0 7 0 1 9 0

Lone Star

Tex. A&M-Kingsville	5 0 0 9 1 0
Angelo St.	4 1 0 6 4 0
Central Oklahoma	2 2 1 6 3 1
East Texas St.	2 3 0 5 5 0
Eastern N. Mex.	1 3 1 6 4 1
Abilene Christian	0 5 0 3 7 0

Mid-America Intercollegiate

	conference	overall
Pittsburg St.	9 0 0 10 0 0	
Northeast Mo. St.	7 2 0 8 3 0	
Mo. Western St.	6 3 0 8 3 0	
Central Mo. St.	6 3 0 7 3 0	
Mo. Southern St.	5 4 0 5 5 0	
Missouri-Rolla	4 4 1 5 5 1	
Emporia St.	4 5 0 5 5 0	
Washburn	2 7 0 2 8 0	
Southwest Baptist	1 7 1 1 8 1	
Northwest Mo. St.	0 9 0 0 11 0	

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Midwest Intercollegiate

Ferris St.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Grand Valley St.	8	2	0	8	3	0
Hillsdale	7	3	0	7	4	0
Ashland	6	4	0	6	4	0
Northern Mich.	6	4	0	6	4	0
Saginaw Valley	6	4	0	6	4	0
Wayne St. (MI)	5	5	0	5	6	0
Michigan Tech.	3	7	0	4	7	0
St. Joseph's (IN)	3	7	0	4	7	0
Indianapolis	2	7	1	2	7	1
Northwood	2	7	1	2	7	1
St. Francis (IL)	1	9	0	1	10	0

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

North Dakota	7	2	0	8	2	0
North Dakota St.*	7	2	0	8	2	0
Mankato St.	6	3	0	7	4	0
Northern Colorado	6	3	0	7	4	0
South Dakota St.	5	4	0	7	4	0
St. Cloud St.	5	4	0	6	4	0
South Dakota	3	6	0	5	6	0
Augustana (SD)	3	6	0	4	6	0
Morningside	2	7	0	3	8	0
Nebraska-Omaha	1	8	0	1	10	0

* Co-champions

Northern California Athletic

Humboldt St.	2	1	0	8	2	0
Cal St. Chico	2	1	0	3	6	0
Sonoma St.	2	1	0	3	7	0
San Fran. St.	0	3	0	1	8	0

Northern Sun Intercollegiate

Winona St.	5	0	1	7	3	1
Moorhead St.	4	1	1	7	2	1
Northern St.	4	2	0	5	6	0
Minn.-Duluth	3	3	0	4	7	0
Southwest St.	3	3	0	4	6	0
Bemidji St.	1	5	0	1	8	0
Minn.-Morris	0	6	0	1	9	0

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

Eastern Division

Bloomsburg	5	1	0	8	3	0
West Chester*	5	1	0	8	3	0
Millersville	4	2	0	8	2	0
Kutztown	4	2	0	5	5	0
East Stroudsburg	2	4	0	5	5	0
Mansfield	1	5	0	5	5	0
Cheyney	0	6	0	0	11	0

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Western Division

Indiana	6	0	0	8	2	0
Edinboro	4	2	0	7	3	0
Slippery Rock	4	2	0	6	4	0
Shippensburg	2	4	0	5	6	0
Clarion	2	4	0	4	6	0
Lock Haven	2	4	0	2	9	0
California	1	5	0	2	9	0

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Western St.	5	1	0	8	2	0
Fort Hays St.	5	1	1	5	5	1
Chadron St.	5	2	0	9	2	0
Mesa St.	4	3	0	4	7	0
Adams St.	2	4	1	3	7	1
N. M. Highlands	2	4	1	2	7	1
Fort Lewis	2	5	0	2	9	0
Colorado Mines	0	6	1	2	6	1
Neb.-Kearney*	0	0	0	8	3	0

* Ineligible for conference title

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman*	6	1	0	8	3	0
Lenoir-Rhyne*	6	1	0	8	2	0
Mars Hill	4	3	0	7	4	0
Elon	4	3	0	5	5	0
Gardner-Webb	3	4	0	5	6	0
Presbyterian	2	5	0	5	6	0
Catawba	2	5	0	2	9	0
Wingate	1	6	0	3	7	0

* Co-champions

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Albany St. (GA)	8	0	0	10	1	0
Tuskegee	6	2	0	6	5	0
Savannah St.	5	3	0	8	3	0
Fort Valley St.	5	3	0	5	5	0
Alabama A&M	4	4	0	4	7	0
Clark Atlanta	2	5	0	3	7	0
Miles	2	5	0	2	6	1
Morehouse	2	6	0	3	7	0
Morris Brown	1	7	0	2	8	0

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

Glenville St.*	5	1	0	8	2	0
Shepherd*	5	1	0	6	4	0
West Liberty St.	4	2	0	7	3	0
West Va. Wesleyan	4	2	0	7	3	0
Fairmont St.	2	4	0	3	7	0
West Va. Tech.	1	5	0	1	9	0
Concord	0	6	0	1	9	0

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Independents

Quincy	8	1	0
West Texas A&M	9	2	0
Portland St.	8	2	0
New Haven	7	3	0
Wayne St. (NE)	7	3	0
Gannon	6	3	1
UC Davis	6	4	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	5	5	0
LIU-C. W. Post	5	5	0
Southern Connecticut St.	5	5	0
Springfield	5	5	0
Western New Mexico	4	4	0
Wofford	5	6	0
Sacred Heart	4	5	0
Jacksonville St.	4	7	0
Newberry	4	7	0
Merchurst	3	6	1
Tarleton St.	3	6	1
American International	3	7	0
Lane	3	8	0
Pace	2	8	0
Kentucky St.	1	9	1
Mass.-Lowell	0	10	0

Division III

Association of Mid-East

	conference	overall
Thomas More*	2	1
Bluffton	2	1
Defiance	1	2
Wilmingon (OH)	1	2

* Co-champions

Centennial Football

Dickinson	7	0	0	10	0	0
Gettysburg	6	1	0	8	2	0
Western Md.	4	3	0	5	4	0
John Hopkins	4	3	0	4	6	0
Swarthmore	3	4	0	3	7	0
Ursinus	3	4	0	3	7	0
Muhlenberg	1	6	0	2	8	0
Frank. & Marsh.	0	7	0	1	9	0

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin

Augustana*	6	1	0	8	1	0
Illinois Wesleyan*	6	1	0	8	1	0
Wheaton	5	2	0	7	2	0
Millikin	5	2	0	6	3	0
Elmhurst	2	5	0	3	6	0
North Central	2	5	0	3	6	0
North Park	1	6	0	3	6	0
Carthage	1	6	0	1	8	0

* Co-champions

Eastern Collegiate

Bentley	6	0	0	10	0	0
Assumption	5	1	0	7	3	0
Stonehill	4	2	0	6	4	0
MIT	3	3	0	4	5	0
Nichols	2	4	0	2	7	0
Curry	1	5	0	1	7	1
Western New Eng.	0	6	0	0	9	0
Salve Regina*	0	0	0	8	1	0

* Ineligible for conference title

Freedom Football

Plymouth St.*	6	0	0	9	0	0
Merchant Marine*	5	0	0	7	2	0
Stony Brook	4	2	0	7	3	0
Worcester Tech	3	2	0	5	4	0
Coast Guard	2	4	0	4	5	0
Norwich	2	5	0	3	6	0
Western Conn. St.	1	5	0	1	9	0
Mass.-Lowell	0	5	0	0	10	0

* Co-champions

Indiana Collegiate Athletic

Hanover*	5	1	0	8	2	0
Wabash*	5	1	0	6	3	0
Rose-Hulman	4	2	0	7	3	0
Anderson	3	3	0	6	4	0
Franklin	3	3	0	5	5	0
DePauw	1	5	0	2	8	0
Manchester	0	6	0	0	10	0

* Co-champions

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Central	8	0	0	10	0	0
Wartburg	7	1	0	9	1	0
Upper Iowa	6	2	0	7	3	0
Simpson	5	3	0	5	5	0
Loras	4	4	0	5	5	0
Buena Vista	3	5	0	3	6	0
Luther	2	6	0	4	6	0
Dubuque	1	7	0	1	9	0
William Penn	0	8	0	1	9	0

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Albion	5	0	0	9	0	0
Alma	4	1	0	8	1	0
Hope	2	3	0	4	4	1
Kalamazoo	2	3	0	4	5	0
Adrian	2	3	0	3	6	0
Olivet	0	5	0	1	8	0

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic

Commonwealth League

Widener*	5	0	0	9	1	0
Moravian	3	2	0	6	4	0
Susquehanna	3	2	0	6	4	0
Lebanon Valley	2	3	0	3	6	0
Albright	2	3	0	4	5	1
Juniata	0	5	0	2	8	0

* MASC overall champion

Freedom League

Wilkes	4	0	0	8	2	0
FDU-Madison	2	2	0	5	4	0
Lycoming	2	2	0	5	4	0
King's (PA)	1	3	0	2	6	1
Delaware Valley	1	3	0	2	7	0

Midwest Collegiate Athletic

North Division

Beloit	4	1	0	7	3	0
St. Norbert	4	1	0	6	3	0
Carroll (WI)	3	2	0	6	3	0
Ripon	2	3	0	4	5	0
Lake Forest	1	4	0	1	8	0
Lawrence	1	4	0	2	7	0

South Division

Coe*	4	1	0	8	2	0
Cornell College	4	1	0	6	3	0
Monmouth (IL)	3	2	0	4	5	0
Grinnell	2	3	0	4	5	0
Knox	1	4	0	3	6	0
Illinois Col.	1	4	0	5	4	0

* MCA overall champion

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

St. John's	8	1	0	9	1	0
Hamline	7	2	0	8	2	0
Bethel	6	3	0	7	3	0
Concordia-Mhead	6	3	0	6	4	0
Gust. Adolphus	5	4	0	5	5	0
Augsburg	4	5	0	5	5	0
St. Thomas	4	5	0	4	6	0
Carleton	3	6	0	3	7	0
St. Olaf	2	7	0	2	8	0
Macalester	0	9	0	0	10	0

Nebraska-Iowa

Northwestern (IA)	6	0	0	8	1	0
Midland Lutheran	5	1	0	8	2	0
Hastings	4	2	0	7	3	0
Doane	3	3	0	3	5	0
Neb. Wesleyan	2	4	0	3	6	0
Dana	1	5	0	3	7	0
Concordia (NE)	0	6	0	2	7	0

New England Football

Mass-Dartmouth*	7	1	0	8	2	0
Maine Maritime*	7	1	0	7	2	0
Worcester St.	6	2	0	8	2	0
Bri'water (MA)	6	2	0	6	4	0
Westfield St.	4	4	0	5	5	0
Mass. Maritime	3	5	0	4	6	0
Fitchburg St.	2	6	0	3	6	0
Frammingham St.	1	7	0	1	7	1
Mass -Boston	0	8	0	0	9	0

Texas Intercollegiate

Hardin-Simmons	4	1	0	7	2	0
Howard Payne	4	1	0	7	3	0
Midwestern St.	4	1	0	5	5	0
McMurry	2	3	0	4	5	1
Austin College	1	4	0	3	7	0
Sul Ross St.	0	5	0	0	10	0

University Athletic Association

Washington (MO)*	3	1	0	7	3	0
Carnegie Mellon*	3	1	0	7	3	0
Chicago	2	2	0	5	5	0
Rochester	2	2	0	3	6	0
Case Reserve	0	4	0	1	9	0

* Co-champions

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-Whitewater	6	1	0	8	2	0
Wis.-La Crosse	5	2	0	8	2	0
Wis.-Stevens Point	5	2	0	7	3	0
Wis.-River Falls	5	2	0	7	3	0
Wis.-Platteville	3	4	0	5	5	0
Wis.-Stout	2	5	0	4	6	0
Wis.-Oshkosh	1	6	0	2	8	0
Wis.-Eau Claire	1	6	0	2	8	0

Independents

Williams	8	0	0
Colby	7	1	0
Frostburg St.	8	1	1
Catholic	8	2	0
Ithaca	8	2	0
Eureka	8	2	0
Wesley	8	2	0
Rensselaer	7	2	0
Union (NY)	7	2	0
Trinity (CT)	6	2	0
Chapman	6	2	1
Hartwick	7	3	0
Buffalo St.	6	3	0
Alfred	6	3	1
Brockport St.	6	3	1
Amherst	5	3	0
Hamilton	5	3	0
Cortland St.	6	4	0
St. John Fisher	5	4	0
Colorado College	4	4	1
Maryville (TN)	5	5	0
Methodist	5	5	0
Ferrum	4	5	0
Albany (NY)	4	6	0
MacMurray	4	6	0
Middlebury	3	5	0
Aurora	2	5	2
Blackburn	3	6	0
Illinois Benedictine	3	6	0
Lakeland (WI)	3	6	0
Northwestern (WI)	2	5	1
Hobart	3	7	0
Nebraska Wesleyan	3	7	0
Bowdoin	2	6	0
Tufts	2	6	0
Wesleyan (CT)	2	6	0
Concordia (IL)	2	7	1
Menlo	2	7	0
Salisbury St.	2	7	0
Bates	0	8	0
Gallaudet	0	6	0
Principia	0	9	0
St. Lawrence	0	9	0

Bowl Games

Alamo	Washington St. 10 / Baylor 3
Carquest	South Carolina 24 / West Virginia 21
Florida Citrus	Alabama 24 / Ohio St. 17
Orange	Nebraska 24 / Miami 17
Freedom	Utah 16 / Arizona 13
Hall of Fame	Wisconsin 34 / Duke 20
Fiesta	Colorado 41 / Notre Dame 24
Aloha	Boston College 12 / Kansas St. 7
Las Vegas	UNLV 52 / Central Michigan 24
Cotton	Southern Cal 55 / Texas Tech 14
Gator	Tennessee 45 / Virginia Tech 23
Peach	North Carolina St. 28 / Mississippi St. 24
Independence	Virginia 20 / Texas Christian 10
Rose	Penn St. 38 / Oregon 20
Liberty	Illinois 30 / East Carolina 0
Sun	Texas 35 / North Carolina 31
Holiday	Michigan 24 / Colorado St. 14
Sugar	Florida St. 23 / Florida 17
Copper	Brigham Young 31 / Oklahoma 6

Division I-AA Playoffs

First Round

Youngstown St. 63	Alcorn St. 20
Marshall 49	Middle Tenn. St. 14
James Madison 45	Troy St. 26
McNeese St. 38	Idaho 21
Appalachian St. 17	New Hampshire 10
Eastern Kentucky 30	Boston U. 23
Boise St. 24	North Texas 20
Montana 23	Northern Iowa 20

Quarterfinals

Marshall 30	James Madison 21 (OT)
Boise St. 17	Appalachian St. 14
Youngstown St. 18	Eastern Kentucky 15
Montana 30	McNeese St. 28

Semifinals

Youngstown St. 28	Montana 9
Boise St. 28	Marshall 24

Championship

Youngstown St. 28	Boise St. 14
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Division II Playoffs

First Round

Texas A&M-Kingsville 43	Western St. 7
Portland St. 29	Angelo St. 0
North Dakota 18	Northeast Mo. St. 6
Indiana (PA) 35	Grand Valley St. 27
Valdosta St. 14	Albany St. (GA) 7
North Dakota St. 18	Pittsburg St. 12 (3OT)
North Alabama 17	Carson-Newman 13
Ferris St. 43	West Chester 40

Quarterfinals

North Dakota 14	North Dakota St. 7
Tex. A&M-Kingsville 21	Portland St. 16
Indiana 21	Ferris St. 17
North Alabama 27	Valdosta St. 24

Semifinals

North Alabama 35	North Dakota 7
Texas A&M-Kingsville 46	Indiana 20

Championship

North Alabama 16	Texas A&M-Kingsville 10
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Division III Playoffs

First Round

St. John's (MN) 51	La Verne 12
Washington & Jefferson 28	Trinity (TX) 0
Widener 14	Dickinson 0
Mount Union 28	Allegheny 19
Albion 28	Augustana (IL) 21
Ithaca 10	Buffalo St. 7 (2OT)
Plymouth St. 19	Merchant Marine 18
Wartburg 22	Central (IA) 21

Quarterfinals

St. John's 42	Wartburg 14
Washington & Jefferson 37	Widener 21
Ithaca 22	Plymouth St. 7
Albion 34	Mount Union 33

Semifinals

Washington & Jefferson 23	Ithaca 19
Albion 19	St. John's 16
Championship-Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl	
Albion 38	Washington & Jefferson 15

NAIA Division I Playoffs

Quarterfinals

Langston 56	Arkansas Tech 42
Western Mont. 48	Glenville (WV) 38
Arkansas Pine Bluff 21	Central St. (OH) 14
Northeastern Okla. 14	Moorhead St. 7

Semifinals

Arkansas-Pine Bluff 60	Western Montana 53 (OT)
Northeastern Okla. 3	Langston 0

Championship

Northeastern Okla. 13	Arkansas-Pine Bluff 12
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NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Lambuth (TN) 48	Evangel 19
Hardin-Simmons 49	Missouri Valley 21
Tiffin 41	Eureka 14
Pacific Lutheran 34	Midland Lutheran 14
Western Washington 21	Linfield 2
NW Iowa 38	Trinity (IL) 20
Westminster (PA) 41	Findlay (OH) 30
Minot St. 20	Sioux Falls 13

Quarterfinals

Westminster 42	Tiffin 14
Pacific Lutheran 25	Western Washington 20
Lambuth 57	Hardin-Simmons 54
NW Iowa 28	Minot St. 26

Semifinals

Westminster 46	Lambuth 6
Pacific Lutheran 28	NW Iowa 7

Championship

Westminster 27	Pacific Lutheran 7
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Final Division I-A Individual Leaders

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Kerry Collins, Penn St.	SR	11	264	176	66.67	7	2.65	2679	10.15	21	7.95	172.9
Terry Dean, Florida	JR	10	180	109	60.56	10	5.56	1492	8.29	20	11.11	155.7
Jay Barker, Alabama	JR	12	226	139	61.50	5	2.21	1996	8.83	14	6.19	151.7
Danny Wuerffel, Florida	SO	12	212	132	62.26	9	4.25	1754	8.27	18	8.49	151.3
Rob Johnson, Southern Cal.	SR	9	255	170	66.67	6	2.35	2210	8.67	12	4.71	150.3
Mike McCoy, Utah	SR	11	381	247	64.83	11	2.89	3035	7.97	28	7.35	150.2
Max Knake, Texas Christian	JR	11	316	184	58.23	7	2.22	2624	8.30	24	7.59	148.6
Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	SR	9	333	217	65.17	6	1.80	2822	8.47	16	4.80	148.6
Todd Collins, Michigan	SR	11	264	172	65.15	7	2.65	2356	8.92	11	4.17	148.6
Ryan Henry, Bowling Green	SO	11	293	174	59.39	11	3.75	2368	8.08	25	8.53	147.9
Kordell Stewart, Colorado	SR	11	237	147	62.03	3	1.27	2071	8.74	10	4.22	146.8
John Gustin, Wyoming	SR	12	306	181	59.15	13	4.25	2757	9.01	17	5.56	144.7
Mike Groh, Virginia	JR	11	216	138	63.89	7	3.24	1711	7.92	13	6.02	143.8
Scott Milanovich, Maryland	JR	11	333	229	68.77	9	2.70	2394	7.19	20	6.01	143.6
John Walsh, Brigham Young	JR	12	463	284	61.34	14	3.02	3712	8.02	29	6.26	143.3
Tony Banks, Michigan St.	JR	11	238	145	60.92	6	2.52	2040	8.57	11	4.62	143.1
Mike Maxwell, Nevada	JR	11	447	271	60.63	15	3.36	3537	7.91	29	6.49	141.8
Wayne Cook, UCLA	SR	11	302	179	59.27	7	2.32	2501	8.28	15	4.97	140.6
Kevin Mason, Syracuse	SR	11	187	105	56.15	7	3.74	1627	8.70	10	5.35	139.4
Ron Powlus, Notre Dame	SO	11	222	119	53.60	9	4.05	1729	7.79	19	8.56	139.2
Eric Zeier, Georgia	SR	11	433	259	59.82	14	3.23	3396	7.84	24	5.54	137.5
Chad May, Kansas St.	SR	11	337	200	59.35	6	1.78	2571	7.63	18	5.34	137.5
Anthony Hill, Colorado St.	SR	11	290	154	53.10	12	4.14	2552	8.80	16	5.52	137.0
Richie Donati, Fresno St.	SO	11	263	152	57.79	9	3.42	2254	8.57	11	4.18	136.7
Bobby Hoying, Ohio St.	JR	12	274	159	58.03	13	4.74	2155	7.86	17	6.20	135.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	cl	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	yds/pl	td	yds	pg
Mike Maxwell, Nevada	JR	30	40	79	-39	447	3537	477	3498	7.33	32	318.00	
Eric Zeier, Georgia	SR	21	104	43	61	433	3396	454	3457	7.61	25	314.27	
Stoney Case, New Mexico	SR	140	714	182	532	409	3117	549	3649	6.65	33	304.08	
Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	SR	65	125	233	-108	333	2822	398	2714	6.82	19	301.56	
John Walsh, Brigham Young	JR	77	81	320	-239	463	3712	540	3473	6.43	29	289.42	
Mike McCoy, Utah	SR	75	287	218	69	381	3035	456	3104	6.81	29	282.18	
Craig Whellhan, Pacific (Cal.)	SR	24	57	69	-12	326	2318	350	2306	6.59	18	256.22	
Marcus Crandell, East Caro.	SO	71	203	107	96	401	2687	472	2783	5.90	22	253.00	
Anthony Hill, Colorado St.	SR	93	328	165	163	290	2552	383	2715	7.09	21	246.82	
Kordell Stewart, Colorado	SR	122	818	179	639	237	2071	359	2710	7.55	17	246.36	
Kerry Collins, Penn St.	SR	12	23	42	-19	264	2679	276	2660	9.64	21	241.82	
Danny Kanell, Florida St.	JR	27	23	150	-127	380	2781	407	2654	6.52	18	241.27	
Ramon Flanigan, Southern Meth.	SO	182	779	277	502	312	1869	494	2371	4.80	18	237.10	
Jay McDonagh, Western Mich.	JR	88	442	214	228	293	2136	381	2364	6.20	18	236.40	
Henry Burris, Temple	SO	60	117	256	-139	410	2706	470	2567	5.46	24	233.36	
John Gustin, Wyoming	JR	72	240	202	38	306	2757	378	2795	7.39	17	232.92	
Max Knake, Texas Christian	JR	27	22	106	-84	316	2624	343	2540	7.41	25	230.91	
Ryan Huzjak, Toledo	SO	124	663	126	537	289	1928	413	2465	5.97	19	224.09	
Rob Johnson, Southern Cal.	SR	64	54	271	-217	255	2210	319	1993	6.25	13	221.44	
Chad May, Kansas St.	SR	55	69	241	-172	337	2571	392	2399	6.12	21	218.09	
Frank Costa, Miami (Fla.)	SR	43	91	162	-71	313	2443	356	2372	6.66	15	215.64	
Wayne Cook, UCLA	SR	62	89	234	-145	302	2501	364	2356	6.47	17	214.18	
Tim Schade, Minnesota	SR	35	125	107	18	341	2338	376	2356	6.27	15	214.18	
Scott Milanovich, Maryland	JR	50	140	202	-62	333	2394	383	2332	6.09	20	212.00	
Todd Collins, Michigan	SR	47	125	165	-40	264	2356	311	2316	7.45	11	210.55	

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds*	yds pg	plays	yds pl
Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	JR	11	2055	294	0	0	2349	213.55	322	7.30
Brian Pruitt, Central Mich.	SR	11	1890	69	0	330	2289	208.09	313	7.31
Andre Davis, Texas Christian	JR	11	1494	522	0	0	2016	183.27	307	6.57
Napoleon Kaufman, Washington	JR	11	1390	199	8	229	1826	166.00	291	6.27
Ki-Jana Carter, Penn St.	SR	11	1539	123	0	81	1743	158.45	216	8.07
Chris Darkins, Minnesota	JR	11	1443	299	0	0	1742	158.36	299	5.83
Lawrence Phillips, Nebraska	SO	12	1722	172	0	0	1894	157.83	308	6.15
Terrell Fletcher, Wisconsin	SR	11	1235	172	0	314	1721	156.45	242	7.11
Alex Van Dyke, Nevada	JR	11	1	1246	5	451	1703	154.82	125	13.62
Terrell Willis, Rutgers	SO	11	1080	71	0	546	1697	154.27	251	6.76
J.J. Smith, Kansas St.	SR	11	1073	275	0	296	1644	149.45	282	5.83
Alex Smith, Indiana	FR	11	1475	115	0	0	1590	144.55	282	5.64
Jim Vackaro, Western Mich.	JR	11	910	415	69	151	1545	140.45	242	6.38
Winslow Oliver, New Mexico	JR	9	706	198	55	298	1257	139.67	181	6.94
Steve Clay, Eastern Mich.	JR	11	7	589	278	652	1526	138.73	92	16.59
Ronnie Redd, Bowling Green	SR	11	108	831	204	379	1522	138.36	95	16.02
Junior Smith, East Caro.	SR	11	1204	306	0	0	1510	137.27	261	5.79
Joe Abdullah, Pacific (Cal.)	JR	11	1070	434	0	0	1504	136.73	299	5.03
Sherman Williams, Alabama	SR	12	1341	225	0	62	1628	135.67	314	5.18
Mike Altstott, Purdue	JR	11	1188	298	0	0	1486	135.09	225	6.60
Wasean Tait, Purdue	SO	10	917	197	0	230	1344	134.40	191	7.04
Brandon Bennett, South Caro.	SR	11	782	324	0	360	1466	133.27	241	6.08
Robert Baldwin, Duke	SR	11	1187	258	0	0	1445	131.36	313	4.62
Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan	SR	9	1064	118	0	0	1182	131.33	207	5.71
Marcellus Crishon, Nevada	SR	9	1076	105	0	0	1181	131.22	204	5.79

*Includes interceptions return yards

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	cl	g	cl	yds	td	cl	pg
Alex Van Dyke, Nevada	JR	11	98	1246	10	8.91	
Randy Galewood, Nev.-Las Veg	SR	11	88	1203	6	8.00	
Mick Rossley, Southern Meth.	SR	11	83	857	4	7.55	
Geroy Simon, Maryland	SO	11	77	891	5	7.00	
Wes Caswell, Tulsa	SO	11	74	893	3	6.73	
Kevin Jordan, UCLA	JR	11	73	1228	7	6.64	
Jamie Asher, Louisville	SR	11	70	794	1	6.36	
Andre Wallace, Western Mich.	SR	11	68	758	7	6.18	
Justin Armour, Stanford	SR	11	67	1092	7	6.09	
Marcus Harris, Wyoming	SO	12	71	1431	11	5.92	
Kez McConvey, Florida St.	SR	10	59	870	4	5.90	
Keyshawn Johnson, South. Cal.	JR	10	58	1140	6	5.80	
Deron Claiborne, Utah	SR	11	63	743	5	5.73	
Dean Jackson, Louisiana Tech	SO	11	62	790	0	5.64	
Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, California	JR	10	56	716	5	5.60	
Curtis Marsh, Utah	SR	11	61	859	11	5.55	
Brice Hunter, Georgia	JR	11	59	799	7	5.36	
Frank Sanders, Auburn	SR	11	58	910	7	5.27	
Marco Battaglia, Rutgers	JR	11	58	779	4	5.27	
S. Williams, Northeast La	JR	11	57	1106	10	5.18	

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	cl	pg
Aaron Beasley, West Va.	JR	12	10	133	2	0.83	
Brian Robinson, Auburn	JR	11	8	140	1	0.73	
Ronde Barber, Virginia	FR	11	8	56	0	0.73	
Demetrick Martin, Mich. St.	JR	11	7	41	0	0.64	
Carlos Yancy, Georgia	SR	11	6	154	1	0.55	
Kareem Leary, Utah	SR	11	6	140	2	0.55	
Bart Thomas, Texas Tech	SR	11	6	91	0	0.55	
Ray Jackson, Colorado St.	JR	11	6	71	0	0.55	
Joe Crocker, Virginia	JR	11	6	54	1	0.55	
Ernest Boyd, Utah	SR	11	6	41	0	0.55	
Walt Harris, Mississippi St.	JR	11	6	41	1	0.55	
Brian Walkins, Air Force	SR	11	6	28	0	0.55	
Denore Mosley, Pittsburgh	SO	11	6	27	0	0.55	
O. Thomas, Southwest La	SR	11	6	25	0	0.55	
Willie Smith, Louisiana Tech	FR	10	5	180	1	0.50	
Jeff Messenger, Wisconsin	SR	10	5	34	0	0.50	
Donald Toomer, Utah St.	SR	10	5	5	0	0.50	
Reggie Tongue, Oregon St.	JR	11	5	150	3	0.45	
Derrick Harvey, South. Miss.	JR	11	5	121	1	0.45	
Cornell Parker, South. Meth.	JR	11	5	65	0	0.45	
Tony Everhart, Bowling Green	SO	11	5	64	0	0.45	
Carlos Jones, Miami (Fla.)	SO	11	5	60	1	0.45	
Emmanuel McDaniel, E. Caro.	JR	11	5	59	1	0.45	
Jeff Russell, Pacific (Cal.)	SR	11	5	31	0	0.45	
Alundis Brice, Mississippi	SR	11	5	29	0	0.45	
Tory James, Louisiana St.	JR	11	5	23	1	0.45	
John Herpin, Southern Cal.	SR	11	5	21	0	0.45	
Ivory Hilliard, Louisiana St.	SR	11	5	12	0	0.45	
Paul Gustafson, Utah St.	SR	11	5	8	0	0.45	
Terence Wiggins, Boston Coll.	JR	11	5	0	0	0.45	

SCORING

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PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	ld	avg
Steve Clay, Eastern Mich.	JR	14	278	1	19.86
Nino Silvan, Tennessee	JR	15	272	0	18.13
Ray Peterson, San Diego St.	JR	12	190	2	15.83
Kevin Alexander, Utah St.	JR	14	199	1	14.21
Eddie Kennison, LSU	SO	36	439	1	12.19
Antonio Freeman, Virginia Tech.	SR	39	467	1	11.97
Parrish Foster, New Mexico St.	SR	14	167	0	11.93
Greg Myers, Colorado St.	JR	25	294	0	11.76
Ryan Roskelley, Memphis	JR	40	468	1	11.70
Dane Johnson, Texas Tech.	FR	27	313	1	11.59
Vaurice Patterson, Northern Ill.	SR	22	252	0	11.45
Octavus Barnes, North Caro.	FR	14	151	0	10.79
Bobby Engram, Penn St.	JR	14	147	0	10.50
Ta'Bois Fisher, Mississippi	SO	33	346	0	10.48
Na'il Benjamin, California	SO	19	198	0	10.42
Morris Freeman, East Caro.	JR	19	198	0	10.42
Tom Boyd, Toledo	SR	16	165	0	10.31
Craig Allen, Purdue	SR	17	173	0	10.18
Joey Galloway, Ohio St.	SR	15	150	0	10.00
Sorola Palmer, Florida	JR	28	276	0	9.86

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	yds	avg	
Todd Sauerbrun, West Va.	SR	72	12	3486	48.42
Jason Bender, Georgia Tech	SR	55	11	2503	45.51
Brad Maynard, Ball St.	JR	59	11	2684	45.47
Brian Lambert, Northeast La.	SR	55	11	2479	45.07
Gary Layton, Miami (Ohio)	SR	55	11	2477	45.04
Terry Daniel, Auburn	SR	53	11	2358	44.49
Darren Schager, UCLA	SR	53	11	2342	44.19
John Stonehouse, South. Cal	JR	61	11	2693	44.15
Greg Ivy, Oklahoma St.	JR	64	11	2818	44.03
Jeff Beckley, Boston College	SR	58	11	2545	43.88
Sean Reali, Syracuse	SO	54	11	2342	43.37
Kyle Pooler, Missouri	SR	75	12	3248	43.31
Paul Burton, Northwestern	JR	51	11	2193	43.00
Darin Erstad, Nebraska	SO	50	12	2130	42.60
Matt Levine, East Caro.	FR	58	11	2470	42.59
Armando Avina, Nevada	SR	45	11	1916	42.58
Marc Harris, Iowa St.	SO	52	11	2205	42.40
Robbie Colley, Virginia Tech.	SR	57	11	2402	42.14
Mark Delozier, Tulsa	JR	64	11	2691	42.05
Scott Terna, Ohio St.	SR	53	12	2222	41.92

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	lg	pg
Remy Hamilton, Michigan	SO	11	29	24	82.8	21.8	2.09
Steve McLaughlin, Arizona	SR	11	29	23	79.3	21.8	2.18
Brian Leaver, Bowling Green	SR	11	24	21	87.5	19.1	1.91
Nick Garrilano, Nev.-Las Vegas	SR	11	26	21	80.8	1.91	1.91
Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech.	SR	10	21	17	81.0	1.70	1.70
Mike Chaberg, Minnesota	JO	10	23	17	73.9	1.70	1.70
John Wales, Washington	SR	11	25	18	72.0	1.64	1.64
Kanon Parkman, Georgia	JR	11	22	17	77.3	1.55	1.55
Rafael Garcia, Virginia	SO	11	22	17	77.3	1.55	1.55
Jon Baker, Arizona St.	SR	11	24	17	70.8	1.55	1.55
Marty Kent, Louisiana Tech.	FR	11	24	17	70.8	1.55	1.55
Kyle Bryant, Texas A&M	FR	11	25	17	68.0	1.55	1.55
Steve Videtich, North Caro St.	SR	11	18	16	88.9	1.45	1.45
Nelson Welch, Clemson	SR	11	22	16	72.7	1.45	1.45
Phil Dawson, Texas	FR	10	19	14	73.7	1.40	1.40
Micah Knorr, Utah St.	SO	11	19	15	78.9	1.36	1.36
Mike Shafer, Southwest La.	JR	11	14	11	141.00	1.27	1.27
Chris Gardner, Michigan St.	FR	11	21	14	66.7	1.27	1.27
David Merrick, Pittsburgh	SR	11	21	14	66.7	1.27	1.27
Kevin Knope, Western Mich.	JR	11	22	14	63.6	1.27	1.27

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	ld	avg
Eric Moulds, Mississippi St.	JR	13	426	0	32.77
David Dunn, Fresno St.	SR	35	1013	0	28.94
Marcus Wall, North Caro.	JR	27	743	1	27.52
Parrish Foster, New Mexico St.	SR	14	385	0	27.50
Derrick Mason, Michigan St.	SO	36	966	1	26.83
Joey Galloway, Ohio St.	SR	15	401	1	26.73
Ashaundai Smith, Kansas	JR	17	448	1	26.35
Ben Bronson, Baylor	SR	18	470	1	26.11
Seth Smith, Michigan	FR	18	468	1	26.00
Brian Davis, Memphis	JR	16	416	0	26.00
Jack Jackson, Florida	JR	15	390	0	26.00
Bryan Still, Virginia Tech.	JR	19	493	0	25.95
Elan Banks, Western Mich.	SR	15	385	0	25.67
Henry Bailey, Nev.-Las Vegas	SR	17	432	0	25.41
Hank Ray, Ohio	JR	22	553	0	25.14
Alvin Whitted, North Caro. St.	FR	18	452	1	25.11
Eric Henderson, Miami (Ohio)	JR	20	498	0	24.90
Kio Sanford, Kentucky	FR	33	820	1	24.85
Edgie Kennison, LSU	SO	16	397	0	24.81
Jim Turner, Syracuse	FR	16	394	1	24.63

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RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	ld	yds pg
Nebraska	12	687	4080	5.9	44	340.0
Air Force	12	720	3657	5.1	36	304.8
Colorado	11	517	3206	6.2	40	291.5
Central Mich.	11	571	3132	5.5	37	284.7
Oregon St.	11	640	3072	4.8	24	279.3
Penn St.	11	450	2760	6.1	45	250.9
Army	11	619	2738	4.4	22	248.9
Kansas	11	558	2718	4.9	31	247.1
Toledo	11	509	2667	5.2	28	242.5
Wisconsin	11	497	2649	5.3	23	240.8
Rice	11	614	2634	4.3	14	239.5
Purdue	11	515	2583	5.0	36	234.8
Tennessee	11	537	2543	4.7	25	231.2
Northern Ill.	11	578	2516	4.4	29	228.7
North Caro.	11	552	2496	4.5	23	226.9
Vanderbilt	11	533	2494	4.7	23	226.7
Indiana	11	502	2448	4.9	25	222.5
Iowa	11	474	2431	5.1	26	221.0
Baylor	11	543	2409	4.4	29	219.0
Notre Dame	11	513	2372	4.6	18	215.6

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	ld	yds pg
Virginia	11	323	700	2.2	9	63.6
Arizona	11	369	715	1.9	6	65.0
Washington St.	11	418	812	1.9	4	73.8
Nebraska	12	401	951	2.4	8	79.3
Florida	12	387	1015	2.6	9	84.6
Texas A&M	11	440	1016	2.3	11	92.4
Miami (Fla.)	11	409	1065	2.6	4	96.8
Florida St.	11	378	1077	2.8	6	97.9
Utah	11	410	1163	2.8	11	105.7
Memphis	11	419	1172	2.8	8	106.5
Boston Col.	11	414	1197	2.9	8	108.8
Oregon	12	472	1349	2.9	14	112.4
West Va.	12	444	1355	3.1	11	112.9
Clemson	11	379	1248	3.3	9	113.5
Colorado	11	421	1256	3.0	11	114.2
North Caro.	11	369	1267	3.4	13	115.2
Auburn	11	416	1275	3.1	6	115.9
Western Mich.	11	433	1296	3.0	14	117.8
Air Force	12	464	1420	3.1	18	118.3
East Caro.	11	400	1313	3.3	14	119.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	ld*	yds pg
Penn St.	11	749	5722	7.6	68	520.18
Nevada	11	901	5581	6.2	55	507.36
Colorado	11	773	5448	7.0	52	495.27
Florida St.	11	853	5314	6.2	52	483.09
Nebraska	12	897	5734	6.4	59	477.83
New Mexico	12	937	5664	6.0	51	472.00
Georgia	11	754	5155	6.8	41	466.82
Florida	12	851	5553	6.5	62	462.75
Brigham Young	12	955	5489	5.7	45	457.42
Wyoming	12	929	5468	5.9	38	455.67
Utah	11	836	4931	5.9	50	448.27
Stanford	11	842	4889	5.8	42	444.45
Air Force	12	883	5220	5.9	46	435.00
Colorado St.	11	781	4748	6.1	45	431.64
Miami (Fla.)	11	807	4699	5.8	43	427.18
Toledo	11	802	4667	5.8	46	424.27
Michigan	11	740	4647	6.3	32	422.45
Wisconsin	11	783	4637	5.9	42	421.55
Tennessee	11	808	4560	5.6	40	414.55
Texas Christian	11	718	4523	6.3	36	411.18

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	ld*	yds pg
Miami (Fla.)	11	702	2430	3.5	9	220.9
Washington St.	11	732	2519	3.4	13	229.0
Memphis	11	729	2774	3.8	15	252.2
Nebraska	12	765	3106	4.1	18	258.8
Texas A&M	11	758	2920	3.9	17	265.5
Boston Col.	11	697	2927	4.2	19	266.1
Florida St.	11	754	2937	3.9	19	267.0
Western Mich.	11	726	3047	4.2	23	277.0
Illinois	11	700	3138	4.5	16	285.3
Arizona	11	688	3140	4.6	19	285.5
LSU	11	711	3211	4.5	23	291.9
Oklahoma	11	713	3253	4.6	26	295.7
California	11	758	3299	4.4	25	299.9
Southwestern La.	11	748	3299	4.4	31	299.9
Ohio St.	12	809	3611	4.5	21	300.9
Alabama	12	775	3624	4.7	21	302.0
Mississippi	11	775	3337	4.3	25	303.4
Utah	11	779	3343	4.3	23	303.9
Florida	12	824	3664	4.4	23	305.3
Virginia Tech.	11	793	3391	4.3	26	308.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained	turnovers lost	margin
Clemson	13	16	29
Duke	12	17	29
Auburn	11	22	33
Mississippi	13	19	32
Southern Methodist	20	9	29
Kansas St.	12	12	24
Penn St.	11	23	4
Utah	13	19	32
East Caro.	11	22	33
Northern Ill.	16	15	31
Mississippi St.	13	22	35
Virginia	9	27	36
Southern Cal.	9	16	25
Southern Miss.	15	25	40
Air Force	11	21	32
Alabama	10	17	27
South Caro.	13	13	26
Texas Tech.	11	17	28
Bowling Green	10	16	26
Temple	15	13	28
Kent	8	14	22

PASSING OFFENSE

	<i>g</i>	<i>att</i>	<i>cmp</i>	<i>int</i>	<i>pct</i>	<i>yds</i>	<i>avg</i>	<i>td</i>	<i>yds pg</i>
Georgia	11	462	276	14	59.7	3721	8.1	25	338.3
Nevada	11	463	279	16	60.3	3625	7.8	29	329.5
Brigham Young	12	475	287	14	60.4	3755	7.9	29	312.9
Florida	12	435	267	21	61.4	3740	8.6	43	311.7
Stanford	11	422	255	12	60.4	3358	8.0	18	305.3
San Diego St.	11	410	257	16	62.7	3244	7.9	27	294.9
Florida St.	11	441	264	18	59.9	3234	7.3	21	294.0
Wyoming	12	409	225	19	55.0	3367	8.2	21	280.6
Utah	11	387	249	11	64.3	3061	7.9	28	278.3
Maryland	11	428	291	13	68.0	3037	7.1	23	276.1
Pacific	11	440	224	19	50.9	3023	6.9	20	274.8
Penn St.	11	299	194	7	64.9	2962	9.9	23	269.3
Southern Cal	11	346	224	6	64.7	2912	8.4	18	264.7
New Mexico	12	411	235	12	57.2	3137	7.6	22	261.4
Fresno St.	13	408	229	15	56.1	3304	8.1	21	254.2
East Caro.	11	407	234	15	57.5	2765	6.8	23	251.4
Temple	11	416	218	12	52.4	2747	6.6	21	249.7
Illinois	11	366	217	8	59.3	2735	7.5	20	248.6
Miami (Fla.)	11	366	194	20	53.0	2729	7.5	18	248.1
UCLA	11	343	200	10	58.3	2707	7.9	15	246.1

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PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Dave Dickenson, Montana	JR	9	336	229	68.15	6	1.79	3053	9.09	24	7.14	164.5
Todd Donnan, Marshall	SR	11	288	182	63.19	8	2.78	2403	8.34	28	9.72	159.8
Brian Brennan, Idaho	FR	10	200	116	58.00	4	2.00	1766	8.83	18	9.00	157.9
Mitch Maher, North Texas	SR	10	319	202	63.32	12	3.76	2840	8.90	25	7.84	156.4
Steve McNair, Alcorn St.	SR	11	530	304	57.36	17	3.21	4863	9.18	44	8.30	155.4
Kendrick Nord, Grambling	JR	11	300	160	53.33	17	5.67	2811	9.37	29	9.67	152.6
Dan Crowley, Towson St.	SR	10	327	179	54.74	10	3.06	2913	8.91	28	8.56	151.7
Shawn Knight, William & Mary	SR	10	177	114	64.41	6	3.39	1503	8.49	12	6.78	151.3
Kelly Holcomb, Middle Tenn St.	SR	11	244	146	59.84	9	3.69	2154	8.83	15	6.15	146.9
Bob Aylsworth, Lehigh	JR	10	309	197	63.75	16	5.18	2537	8.21	22	7.12	145.9
John Whitcomb, Ala.-Birmingham	SR	11	349	210	60.17	15	4.30	3031	8.68	22	6.30	145.3
Carlos Garay, Hofstra	SR	9	244	136	55.74	4	1.64	1855	7.60	21	8.61	144.7
Dennis Jones, Delaware St.	JR	11	222	124	55.86	6	2.70	1980	8.92	13	5.86	144.7
Bryan Martin, Weber St.	JR	11	337	199	59.05	5	1.48	2799	8.31	19	5.64	144.5
Martin Marshall, South Caro St.	SR	11	198	103	52.02	11	5.56	1715	8.66	18	9.09	143.7
Tony Hilde, Boise St.	SO	11	342	189	55.26	9	2.63	2787	8.15	26	7.60	143.5
Rob St. Sauver, Western Ill.	SR	11	298	173	58.05	9	3.02	2361	7.92	21	7.05	141.8
Robert Dougherty, Boston U.	SR	11	387	229	59.17	12	3.10	3173	8.20	23	5.94	141.5
Rob Glus, Bucknell	SR	10	228	131	57.46	8	3.51	1821	7.99	15	6.58	139.2
Darrin Hinshaw, Central Fla.	SR	11	342	187	54.68	17	4.97	2801	8.19	26	7.60	138.6
Jeff Lewis, Northern Ariz.	JR	11	450	272	60.44	8	1.78	3355	7.46	26	5.78	138.6
Mark Brungard, Youngstown St.	JR	11	233	141	60.52	6	2.58	1724	7.40	13	5.58	135.9
James Ritchey, Stephen F. Aust.	JR	9	193	105	54.40	7	3.63	1601	8.30	11	5.70	135.6
Mark DeRosa, Pennsylvania	SO	9	244	152	62.30	9	3.69	1832	7.51	13	5.33	135.6
Pete Mauch, Eastern Ill.	JR	11	182	98	53.85	7	3.85	1610	8.85	8	4.40	135.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	cl	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	yds/pl	td*	yds	pg
Steve McNair, Alcorn St.	SR	119	1128	192	936	530	4863	649	5799	8.94	53	527.18	
Dave Dickenson, Montana	JR	95	361	306	55	336	3053	431	3108	7.21	27	345.33	
Jeff Lewis, Northern Ariz.	JR	108	338	306	32	450	3355	558	3387	6.07	32	307.91	
Mitch Maher, North Texas	SR	79	321	146	175	319	2840	398	3015	7.58	31	301.50	
Robert Dougherty, Boston U.	SR	90	350	258	92	387	3173	477	3265	6.84	29	296.82	
Tom Proudian, Iona	JR	72	218	219	-1	327	2324	399	2323	5.82	17	290.38	
Dan Crowley, Towson St.	SR	24	29	100	-71	327	2913	351	2842	8.10	30	284.20	
Tony Hilde, Boise St.	SO	123	476	232	244	342	2787	465	3031	6.52	31	275.55	
Marvin Marshall, South Caro St.	SR	160	1333	132	1201	198	1715	358	2916	8.15	28	265.09	
Antwan Chiles, Liberty	JR	55	154	128	26	385	2823	440	2849	6.48	23	259.00	
Carlos Garay, Hofstra	SR	118	640	167	473	244	1855	362	2328	6.43	27	258.67	
John Whitcomb, Ala.-Birmingham	SR	35	13	207	-194	349	3031	384	2837	7.39	22	257.91	
Kendrick Nord, Grambling	JR	70	298	285	13	300	2811	370	2824	7.63	30	256.73	
Bryan Martin, Weber St.	JR	102	390	368	22	337	2799	439	2821	6.43	23	256.45	
Darin Hinshaw, Central Fla.	SR	57	131	132	-1	342	2801	399	2800	7.02	33	254.55	
Darrell Asberry, Jackson St.	JR	170	893	323	570	298	2180	468	2750	5.88	25	250.00	
Mike Cawley, James Madison	JR	140	777	188	589	263	2035	403	2624	6.51	23	238.55	
Bob Aylsworth, Lehigh	JR	41	35	194	-159	309	2537	350	2378	6.79	22	237.80	
J.J. O'Laughlin, Cal St. North	SR	46	94	161	-67	364	2373	410	2306	5.62	16	230.60	
Eric Fish, Evansville	JR	57	46	257	-211	393	2516	450	2305	5.12	15	230.50	
Mike Fisher, Cal Poly SLO	JR	39	133	141	-8	386	2536	425	2528	5.95	18	229.82	
Arnold Mickens, Butler	JR	409	2348	93	2255	0	0	409	2255	5.51	18	225.50	
Todd Bennett, Eastern Wash.	SR	38	31	209	-178	370	2596	408	2418	5.93	18	219.82	
Eric Randall, Southern-B.R.	JR	90	449	133	316	285	2076	375	2392	6.38	14	217.45	
Todd Donnan, Marshall	SR	46	97	111	-14	288	2403	334	2389	7.15	29	217.18	

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds*	yds/pg	plays	yds/pl
Arnold Mickens, Butler	JR	10	2255	7	0	0	2262	226.20	411	5.50
Anthony Jordan, Samford	SR	11	924	400	169	767	2260	205.45	209	10.81
Tim Hall, Robert Morris	JR	9	1336	460	0	0	1796	199.56	180	9.98
Don Wilkerson, Southwest Tx St.	SR	11	1569	131	21	327	2048	186.18	332	6.17
Ozzie Young, Valparaiso	JR	9	606	426	96	533	1661	184.56	188	8.84
Thomas Haskins, Va. Military	SO	11	1509	50	0	464	2023	183.91	282	7.17
K.C. Adams, Boise St.	JR	11	1275	490	216	0	1981	180.09	298	6.65
Mark Orlando, Towson St.	SR	9	-9	1223	377	0	1591	176.78	75	21.21
Rich Lemon, Bucknell	SO	11	1496	368	0	16	1880	170.91	326	5.77
Cy Butler, Rhode Island	SO	11	13	828	266	694	1801	163.73	145	12.42
C. Matthews, Northwestern St.	SO	11	1046	161	28	560	1795	163.18	197	9.11
Tim Silo, Iona	SR	9	0	933	93	412	1438	158.78	90	15.98
Kito Lockwood, Wagner	JR	10	1112	299	0	178	1589	158.90	229	6.94
Kippy Bayless, Middle Tenn St.	SR	11	1346	299	0	0	1649	149.55	293	5.61
Sheriden May, Idaho	SR	11	1370	233	0	31	1634	148.55	253	6.46
James Cunningham, Howard	SR	11	14	744	199	671	1628	148.00	117	13.91
Chris Parker, Marshall	JR	11	1251	376	0	0	1627	147.91	245	6.64
Jason Anderson, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	-17	1060	0	583	1626	147.82	90	18.07
Jermaine Rucker, San Diego	SO	10	1332	133	0	0	1465	146.50	205	7.15
Rene Ingoglia, Massachusetts	JR	11	1505	106	0	0	1611	146.45	270	5.97
Chad Levitt, Cornell	SO	10	1321	132	0	0	1453	145.30	284	5.12
Damon Boddie, Montana	SR	10	438	396	0	611	1445	144.50	127	11.38
Lawrence Worthington, Liberty	FR	11	1198	386	0	0	1584	144.00	222	7.14
Eric Hopkins, Montana St.	JR	11	-8	964	172	450	1578	143.45	105	15.03
Ray Marshall, St. Peter's	SR	9	11	797	37	433	1278	142.00	114	11.21

*Includes interceptions return yards

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	pg
Joseph Vaughn, Cal St. Northridge	SR	10	9	265	4	0.90
Brian Clark, Hofstra	JR	10	9	56	0	0.90
Chris Hanson, Cornell	SR	10	8	83	0	0.80
Jason Wilson, St. Francis (Pa.)	SR	10	8	52	1	0.80
Shayne Snider, Valparaiso	SR	10	8	49	0	0.80
Marvin Brown, Cal St. Sacramento	JR	9	7	138	1	0.78
Jim Hudnall, Columbia	SR	10	7	107	0	0.70
Mike Civitello, Duquesne	SR	10	7	36	0	0.70
Tom Ludwig, Princeton	FR	10	7	36	0	0.70
Jerrold Crowder, Prairie View	SR	11	7	193	1	0.64
Mark Hopkins, Northeastern	JR	11	7	135	1	0.64
Darren Sharper, William & Mary	SO	11	7	116	1	0.64
Rashid Gayle, Boise St.	JR	11	7	112	0	0.64
Frank Spraggins, Western Ill.	FR	11	7	60	0	0.64
Matt Stevens, Appalachian St.	JR	11	7	44	1	0.64
Michael Williams, Alabama St.	SR	11	7	32	0	0.64
Bruce Harris, Marist	SR	10	6	124	2	0.60
Mauro Monz, Duquesne	JR	10	6	60	0	0.60
Matt Delers, Dayton	JR	10	6	51	0	0.60
Kurt Ditzler, St. Johns (N.Y.)	SO	10	6	46	0	0.60
Mario Wilson, Marist	FR	10	6	24	0	0.60

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	cl	g	ct	yds	td	ct pg
Jeff Johnson, East Tenn. St.	SR	9	73	857	8	9.11
Ray Marshall, St. Peter's	SR	9	69	797	4	7.67
Derrick Ingram, Ala.-Bham	SR	11	83	1457	13	7.55
Heston Sultman, Ctr. Conn St.	SR	10	70	1018	7	7.00
Tim McNair, Alcorn St.	SR	11	74	1230	13	6.73
Miles Macik, Pennsylvania	JR	9	60	708	8	6.67
Cy Butler, Rhode Island	SO	11	73	828	4	6.64
Brian Klingerman, Lehigh	JR	11	71	1135	11	6.45
Kobie Jenkins, Alcorn St.	SO	11	70	1082	9	6.36
Rod Alexander, Northern Ariz.	SR	10	63	1028	6	6.30
Brian Bassett, Columbia	SR	10	62	793	3	6.20
Duc Ngo, Cal St. Northridge	SR	10	62	682	2	6.20
Mark Orlando, Towson St.	SR	9	55	1223	12	6.11
Bobby Appar, Rhode Island	SO	11	67	1042	12	6.09
Carnell Henderson, Boston U.	SR	11	66	1134	10	6.00
Tim Silo, Iona	SR	9	54	933	8	6.00
Kyle Gary, Idaho	SR	11	65	1133	11	5.91
Jason Anderson, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	65	1060	8	5.91
Scott Gurnsey, Montana	SR	11	65	998	6	5.91
Eric Spezio, Iona	FR	9	52	630	5	5.78

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	pt pg
Michael Hicks, South Caro. St.	JR	11	22	0	0	132	12.00
Arnold Mickens, Butler	JR	10	18	0	0	108	10.80
Brian McCarty, Towson St.	SR	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
Chris Parker, Marshall	JR	11	18	2	0	110	10.00
Wayne Chrebet, Hofstra	SR	10	16	2	0	98	9.80
Tim Hall, Robert Morris	JR	9	14	4	0	88	9.78
Jermaine Rucker, San Diego	SO	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Ryan Woolverton, Idaho	SR	11	0	54	14	96	8.73
Norman Bradford, Grambling	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73

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PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Mark Orlando, Towson St.	SR	19	377	1	19.84
Buck Phillips, Western Ill.	FR	24	464	3	19.33
Alex Calderwood, Northern Ariz.	JR	17	275	1	16.18
Deon McDaniel, Illinois St.	SO	22	334	0	15.18
Dione Tyler, Southeast Mo. St.	JR	23	347	2	15.09
Derrick Maxwell, Nicholls St.	SO	14	207	1	14.79
Aaron Fix, Canisius	JR	34	485	4	14.26
Zack Bronson, McNeese St.	SO	21	292	1	13.90
Pokey Eckford, Weber St.	JR	23	308	1	13.39
Claude Mathis, Southwest Tx St.	FR	17	223	0	13.12
L. Townsend, St. Marys (Cal.)	SR	25	320	1	12.80
Shalon Baker, Montana	SR	22	276	0	12.55
Dewayne Harper, Tenn.-Martin	SR	45	563	2	12.51
Kevin Gribbins, Butler	SR	12	148	0	12.33
Goree White, Alcorn St.	SO	21	253	2	12.05
Tim Williams, Va. Military	JR	17	203	0	11.94
Pat Smith, Holy Cross	SR	16	190	0	11.88
Jay Young, Florida A&M	JR	23	272	1	11.83
Darrell Williams, Tennessee St.	JR	37	437	1	11.81
K.C. Adams, Boise St.	JR	19	216	1	11.37

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	yds	avg	
Scott Holmes, Samford	JR	49	11	2099	42.64
Brian Desselles, Nicholls St.	SR	54	11	2309	42.76
Ross Schulte, Western Ill.	SR	43	11	1817	42.02
Kevin O'Leary, Northern Ariz.	JR	44	11	1849	42.02
Mark Gagliano, Southern Ill.	SO	79	11	3274	41.44
Danny Weeks, Boise St.	SO	52	11	2154	41.42
Chris Hurst, Southwest Mo. St.	JR	64	11	2645	41.33
Ron Lindburg, Southern Utah	JR	51	11	2106	41.29
Ruben Ruiz, Howard	SO	51	11	2092	41.02
Dave Dearmas, Connecticut	SR	43	11	1747	40.63
Allen Guinn, Appalachian St.	SO	55	11	2234	40.62
Scott Gurnsey, Montana	SR	49	11	1984	40.49
Josh Siefkin, Tenn.-Chatt.	JR	43	10	1735	40.35
Eric Smith, Ga. Southern	SR	49	11	1971	40.22
Robert Ray, San Diego	SR	52	10	2073	39.87
Bobby St. Pierre, Richmond	SO	68	11	2704	39.76
Rich Miller, Bucknell	SO	50	11	1986	39.72
Jeff Brandes, Southwest Tex St.	JR	46	11	1822	39.61
Tim Dreslinski, Youngstown St.	JR	50	11	1980	39.60
Todd Kurz, Illinois St.	SO	46	11	1821	39.59

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	lg	pg
Andy Glockner, Pennsylvania	SR	9	20	14	700	1.56	
Matt Waller, Northern Iowa	SO	11	26	17	654	1.55	
Jim Richter, Furman	JR	11	19	16	842	1.45	
Bob Warden, Brown	SR	10	16	14	875	1.40	
John Coursey, James Madison	SO	11	23	15	652	1.36	
Charlie Pierce, Central Fla.	SO	11	16	14	875	1.27	
Ryan Woolverton, Idaho	JR	11	22	14	636	1.27	
Tim Duvic, Dayton	SR	10	15	12	800	1.20	
Matt Ornelaz, Cal St. Northridge	SO	10	18	12	667	1.20	
Anthony Pignio, Holy Cross	SR	10	19	12	632	1.20	
Daniel Whitehead, Liberty	SR	11	16	13	813	1.18	
Garth Petrilli, Middle Tenn St.	SR	11	18	13	722	1.18	
Greg Erickson, Boise St.	JR	11	18	13	722	1.18	
Marcus Hajdik, Sam Houston St.	SO	11	19	13	684	1.18	
Jose Laros, McNeese St.	JR	11	22	13	591	1.18	
Mike Minnoch, Weber St.	FR	9	16	10	625	1.11	
Joe Aldrich, Columbia	JR	10	14	11	786	1.10	
Kevin Thompson, Ala.-Bham	JR	11	16	12	750	1.09	
Todd Kurz, Illinois St.	SO	11	20	12	600	1.09	
Jay Sutton, Appalachian St.	SO	11	15	11	733	1.00	
Derek Scott, Tennessee Tech	SR	11	15	11	733	1.00	
Adam Diehl, Nicholls St.	SO	11	15	11	733	1.00	
Oliver Quass, Troy St.	JR	11	16	11	688	1.00	
John Rodin, Cornell	SO	10	15	10	667	1.00	
Keith Jones, Western Ill.	FR	9	15	9	600	1.00	
Tom Allison, Indiana St.	JR	11	19	11	579	1.00	
Paul Massaro, Youngstown St.	FR	11	19	11	579	1.00	
David Ettinger, Hofstra	SO	10	18	10	556	1.00	
John Ledwith, St. Johns (N.Y.)	SR	10	18	10	556	1.00	
Reed Haley, Ga. Southern	SR	11	20	11	550	1.00	

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Erin Hatwood, St. Johns (N.Y.)	SR	12	401	1	33.42
Dwight Robinson, James Madison	SR	16	510	1	31.88
Todd Cleveland, Central Fla.	SO	15	476	3	31.73
Ozzie Young, Valparaiso	JR	17	533	0	31.35
Thomas Haskins, Va. Military	SO	15	464	0	30.93
Anthony Brown, Southern Utah	SR	18	539	2	29.94
C. Matthews, Northwestern St.	SO	19	560	0	29.47
Claude Mathis, Southwest Tx St.	FR	26	765	0	29.42
Arvid Gregory, Troy St.	SO	16	469	0	29.31
Cornelius Turner, Miss. Valley	FR	26	737	0	28.35
Joe Rosato, Duquesne	FR	18	509	1	28.28
Freddie Solomon, South Caro St.	SO	16	445	1	27.81
Jeb Dougherty, San Diego	SO	17	461	1	27.12
Tony Bines, Charleston So.	SO	27	718	1	26.59
Demetrius Cornish, Cal St. Sacra.	JR	17	452	0	26.59
Brian White, Dartmouth	JR	27	715	1	26.48
William Murrell, Eastern Ky.	FR	19	503	0	26.47
Anthony Jordan, Samford	SR	29	767	0	26.45
Shawn Jones, Southern Utah	SR	15	395	0	26.33
Robert Ridley, Monmouth (N.J.)	FR	14	367	0	26.21

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Citadel	11	633	4202	6.6	48	382.0
Delaware	11	613	3469	5.7	35	315.4
Troy St.	11	500	3168	6.3	43	288.0
Ga. Southern	11	522	3121	6.0	36	283.7
South Caro. St.	11	522	3024	5.8	36	274.9
Austin Peay	11	647	2994	4.6	29	272.2
Dayton	10	537	2646	4.9	33	264.6
Western Wy.	11	632	2839	4.5	22	258.1
Nicholls St.	11	567	2838	5.0	24	258.0
Eastern Ky.	11	515	2683	5.2	32	243.9
Butler	10	529	2421	4.6	24	242.1
Massachusetts	11	602	2558	4.2	21	232.5
San Diego	10	440	2211	5.0	22	221.1
Idaho	11	492	2419	4.9	22	219.9
Marist	10	495	2120	4.3	20	212.0
Delaware St.	11	501	2327	4.6	25	211.5
Hofstra	10	450	2097	4.7	22	209.7
Appalachian St.	11	500	2303	4.6	29	209.4
Wagner	10	452	2053	4.5	28	205.3
Jackson St.	11	488	2234	4.6	24	203.1

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Idaho	11	332	718	2.2	9	65.3
Hofstra	10	314	785	2.5	5	78.5
St. Mary's (Cal.)	10	348	869	2.5	9	86.9
Stephen F. Austin	11	396	1001	2.5	10	91.0
Cal Poly SLO	11	378	1027	2.7	10	93.4
Youngstown St.	11	404	1029	2.5	7	93.5
Boise St.	11	335	1038	3.1	7	94.4
New Hampshire	11	409	1063	2.6	6	96.6
Monmouth (N.J.)	9	323	875	2.7	5	97.2
Marist	10	374	978	2.6	10	97.8
McNeese St.	11	414	1106	2.7	12	100.5
Northern Ariz.	11	361	1133	3.1	18	103.0
Eastern Wash.	11	407	1167	2.9	14	106.1
Southern-B.R.	11	392	1169	3.0	10	106.3
Pennsylvania	9	346	957	2.8	7	106.3
Georgetown	9	379	989	2.6	4	109.9
Butler	10	346	1140	3.3	13	114.0
Grambling	11	386	1265	3.3	10	115.0
Dayton	10	361	1163	3.2	11	116.3
Montana	11	410	1300	3.2	11	118.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Alcorn St.	11	848	6577	7.8	66	597.91
Idaho	11	851	5705	6.7	54	518.64
Troy St.	11	772	5194	6.7	52	472.18
Grambling	11	758	5042	6.7	55	458.36
Montana	11	780	4984	6.4	52	453.09
Northern Ariz.	11	894	4967	5.6	49	451.55
Delaware	11	772	4949	6.4	48	449.91
Hofstra	10	751	4495	6.0	48	449.50
Central Fla.	11	785	4889	6.2	46	444.45
Towson St.	10	679	4441	6.5	50	444.10
Marshall	11	764	4855	6.4	60	441.36
Liberty	11	781	4840	6.2	40	440.00
South Caro. St.	11	727	4808	6.6	54	437.09
Citadel	11	721	4805	6.7	52	436.82
Wagner	10	730	4315	5.9	39	431.50
Boston U.	11	816	4703	5.8	48	427.55
Boise St.	11	802	4681	5.8	43	425.55
Lehigh	11	818	4680	5.7	40	425.45
Jackson St.	11	816	4635	5.7	43	421.36
Delaware St.	11	762	4557	6.0	39	414.27

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Pennsylvania	9	581	1970	3.4	8	218.9
Youngstown St.	11	674	2478	3.7	10	225.3
Drake	10	625	2477	4.0	13	247.7
Davidson	10	645	2557	4.0	23	255.7
Princeton	10	659	2585	3.9	17	258.5
McNeese St.	11	698	2855	4.1	20	259.5
Southern-B.R.	11	692	2886	4.2	17	262.4
Monmouth (N.J.)	9	566	2368	4.2	15	263.1
Marist	10	676	2714	4.0	22	271.4
Marshall	11	729	3066	4.2	20	278.7
Duquesne	10	636	2805	4.4	18	280.5
Eastern Ky.	11	743	3097	4.2	17	281.5
Massachusetts	11	722	3132	4.3	29	284.7
Grambling	11	701	3156	4.5	23	286.9
Dayton	10	652	2878	4.4	21	287.8
St. John's (N.Y.)	10	676	2893	4.3	21	289.3
Stephen F. Austin	11	744	3217	4.3	21	292.5
Indiana St.	11	705	3220	4.6	21	292.7
Butler	10	621	2941	4.7	27	294.1
Austin Peay	11	681	3238	4.8	33	294.4

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin
	turn	int	total	turn	int	total	
Robert Morris.....	15	19	34	6	11	17	1.89
Sam Houston St.....	24	18	42	11	12	23	1.73
St. John's (N.Y.).....	13	24	37	8	12	20	1.70
New Hampshire.....	13	16	29	9	4	13	1.45
Hofstra.....	13	17	30	10	6	16	1.40
Youngstown St.....	13	20	33	12	6	18	1.36
Western Ill.....	17	19	36	13	9	22	1.27
Towson St.....	10	21	31	8	11	19	1.20
Dayton.....	9	21	30	10	8	18	1.20
Yale.....	11	20	31	5	15	20	1.10
Troy St.....	15	18	33	16	5	21	1.09
Southeast Mo. St.....	19	14	33	11	10	21	1.00
Idaho.....	12	18	30	14	5	19	1.00
Monmouth (N.J.).....	10	14	24	6	10	16	0.89
Georgetown.....	13	11	24	7	9	16	0.89
Indiana St.....	13	9	22	4	9	13	0.82
Cornell.....	13	20	33	15	10	25	0.80
Princeton.....	10	22	32	15	9	24	0.80
Pennsylvania.....	10	15	25	6	12	18	0.78
Appalachian St.....	12	15	27	8	11	19	0.73
South Caro. St.....	15	17	32	13	11	24	0.73
Ga. Southern.....	12	15	27	15	4	19	0.73
Weber St.....	9	14	23	9	6	15	0.73
James Madison.....	10	16	26	10	8	18	0.73



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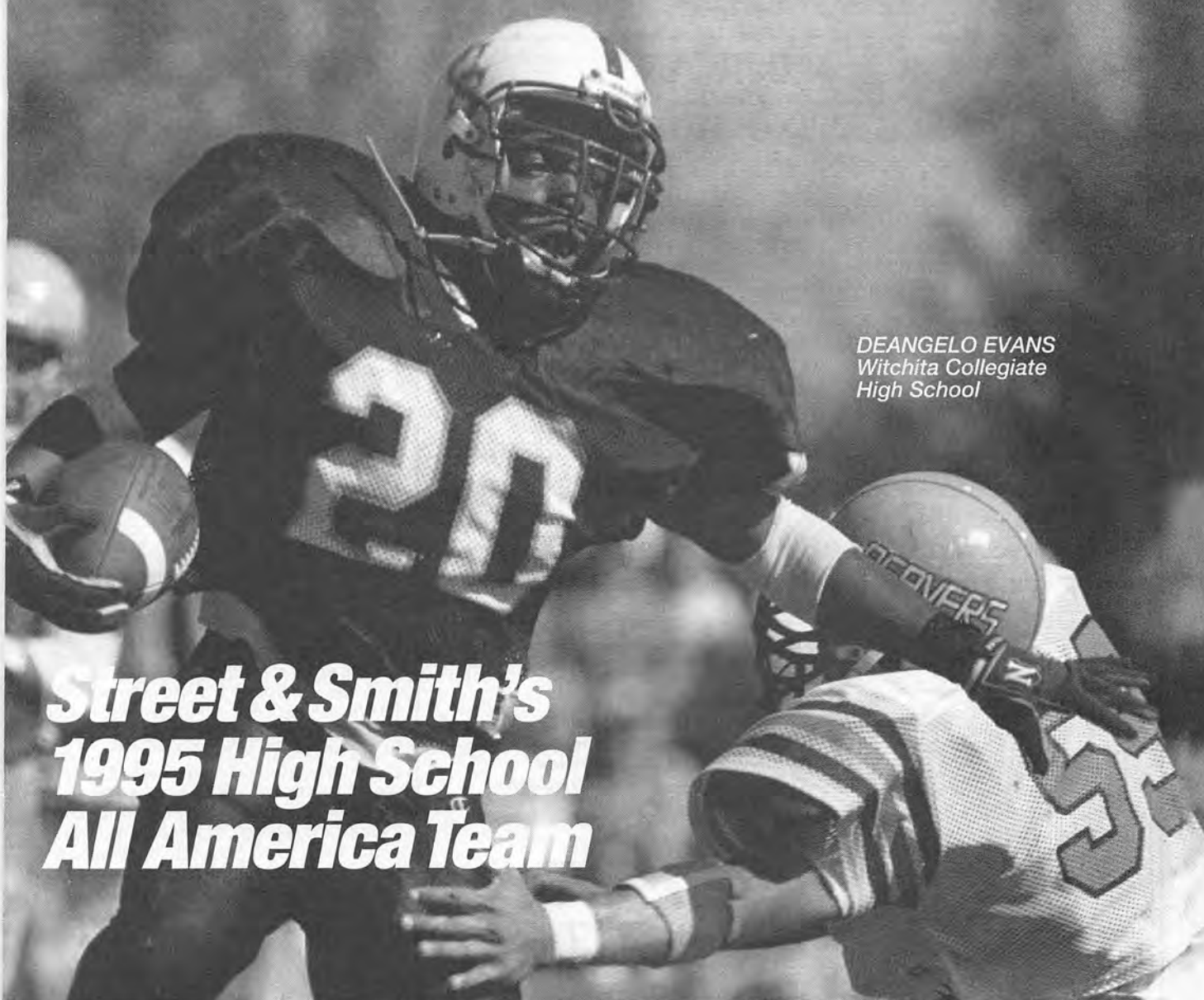
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DEANGELO EVANS
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Street & Smith's 1995 High School All America Team

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WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

● High school record-keepers won't have time to rest this fall. Two quarterbacks and a running back have already claimed state passing and scoring career marks with a year left and are threatening all-time national standards. That's why quarterbacks Tim Couch of Kentucky and Earl Haniford IV of Indiana and running back DeAngelo Evans of Kansas head Street & Smith's 14th annual High School All-America team. They top an elite 50-player listing from 24 states, including 18 selections from three states: California (7), Florida (6), and Texas (5). Three honorees each hail from Ohio, New Jersey, and Georgia.

Couch, with 8,188 career passing yards for Leslie County High in Hyden, KY, and Haniford, with 8,412 yards for Martinsville, IN, could both erase the U.S. mark of 11,700 set from 1990-93 by another Street & Smith honoree, Josh Booty of Evangel Christian in Shreveport, LA, if they repeat last season's efforts.

Evans enters his final season at Collegiate High in Wichita, KS, with 114 touchdowns, just 27 shy of the national mark recorded from 1986-89 by Brett Law of Sheridan, IN. Evans also holds the state career rushing mark of 7,355 yards and could move into the No. 2 all-time national position with a repeat of his junior numbers. The 11,232 yards set from 1950-53 by Ken Hall of Sugarland, TX, appears out of reach.

With the record-keepers sharpening their pencils and fine-tuning their adding machine, here's a breakdown of the Top 50 honorees:

QUARTERBACKS

Couch completed 224 of 325 passes for a national-record 68.9 percent in a 13-1 state title season. The mobile 6-5, 215-pounder had 48 TD passes and 12 conversions while amassing 3,651 yards. Besides the national career yardage mark, he could surpass all-time records for completions (712) and TD passes (132). He enters his final season with 687 of 907 attempts for 8,188 yards and 93 TDs. Also an all-state basketball player, he led the state in scoring with a 36-point norm last season and has scored 60 in a game.

Haniford has led Indiana in passing yards the last three seasons with totals of 2,450 and 2,581 plus 3,261 last season when he completed 183 of 287 passes, including 30 TDs. The 6-3, 215-pound drop-back passer owns career marks of 499 completions in 800 attempts and 86 TDs. He set a state mark with a 488-yard passing game.

In Texas, Odell James of Aldine MacArthur High in Houston has been in the news since earning first team all-state honors as a sophomore. The three-sport athlete has rushed for 2,616 yards and 40 TDs and passed for 1,943 yards and 18 TDs in two years.

Quincy Carter, led Southwest DeKalb High of Decatur, GA, to a 13-1 record last fall. Despite sharing playing time, he completed 79 of 140 passes for 1,625 yards and 16 TDs and rushed 103 times for 790 yards and 14 touchdowns.

The top-rated quarterback in the Northeast is Tim Hasselbeck of Xaverian High in Westwood, MA. The 6-2, 200-pounder connected on 72 of 135 passes for 1,750 yards and 18 TDs with only three interceptions a year ago. His father, Don, was a prep All-America end in 1972.

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RUNNING BACKS

Evans has been a local Wichita legend in football and basketball since he dunked a basketball in eighth grade. The 5-9, 205-pounder, who is compared with another Wichita product, Detroit Lion Barry Sanders, has averaged 216 yards rushing per game with a 10.6-yard per-carry norm in a 36-game career. He led the nation as a sophomore with 49 TDs and added 37 last season while rushing 273 times for 2,689 yards. A basketball point guard, where he averaged 22 points last season, he might opt for both sports in college.

California is home to two honorees who combined for over 4,000 rushing yards last season. Michael Graham of Charter Oak High in Covina not only rushed for 2,362 yards and scored 34 TDs, but added 318 receiving yards and 288 on kick returns in 13 games. Durrell Price was the Los Angeles Class 4A Player of the Year for unbeaten Sylmar High (14-0) after rushing for 1,966 yards and scoring 30 TDs.

The top prospect in Arkansas is Keniko Logan of Fort Smith Northside, who rushed 235 times for 1,994 yards and 25 TDs in 13 games.

Ketric Sanford of Corsicana, TX, set a national standard with 475 carries in 15 games last season while gaining 2,761 yards and scoring 27 TDs. Coached by former Texas A&M mentor Tom Wilson, Sanford's two-year totals are 728 carries for 4,146 yards and 35 TDs.

Patrick Pass of Tucker, GA, is a four-year, two-way performer who gained 1,882 yards and scored 23 TDs on 250 rushes as a junior.

Darren Davis led 14-1 record Southridge High of Miami into the state finals while rushing for 2,401 yards and scoring 24 TDs.

UTILITY PLAYERS

Kevin Harvey enters his fourth season as a two-way standout at Paulsboro High and is on target to break New Jersey scoring records. He led the state with 194 points in '94 as a quarterback-defensive back-kick returner and has tallied 456 career points, just 101 short of the state standard. Last season, he rushed for 1,133 yards and passed for 1,074 yards and returned six kicks for TDs.

Richard Casey is another New Jersey athlete with multiple skills. The three-sport Hoboken High performer, who is rated a pro baseball prospect, is a quarterback-safety-kick returner courted by numerous colleges.

Willie Gardner is a do-it-all for Suwanee High in Live Oak, FL. He's a three-sport star who plays quarterback and free safety and handles all kicking duties. Last season, he completed 113 of 220 passes for 1,870 yards and 16 TDs. He averaged 43.2 yards per punt and kicked a 43-yard field goal.

Pennsylvania's top prospect could be speedster Daymon Carroll of Norristown, who has run a 10.5 in the 100 meters and long-jumped 24-feet. In football, he rushed

for 1,300 yards and 19 TDs in 11 games and returned four of seven kickoffs for TDs.

Cullen Bryant Jr. is earning his own headlines following his father's NFL playing days. A running back-defensive end for Houston High in Germantown, TN, he rushed 206 times for 1,498 yards as a junior, including a 300-yard game and a 90-yard TD run.

RECEIVERS

Los Alamitos, CA, High had one of the nation's top passing attacks in 1994, with over 3,500 yards and 33 TDs. Among the returnees for the state's top-ranked preseason team is Tony Hartley, who caught 50 passes and scored eight TDs as a junior.

Skyline High in Oakland, CA, has produced several college prospects, but LaCory Collins might be the best of all. He had 43 receptions and 11 TDs as a junior and starred as a linebacker with 72 tackles and 11 sacks.

Scouts seeking receivers in Texas know about Kenneth Davis of Washington High in Houston. Last fall, he caught 47 passes for 813 yards and 12 TDs.

In New Jersey, Quinton Spotwood of Elizabeth earned all-star honors both as a receiver and defensive back. The three-sport athlete played only seven games as a receiver but caught 45 passes for 1,202 yards and 11 TDs. He filled in at quarterback and passed or rushed for five TDs in two games. On defense, he returned one of six pass interceptions for a TD.

TIGHT ENDS

The four honorees all hail from successful athletic programs. Dan O'Leary caught 46 passes for 698 yards and five TDs for St. Ignatius High of Cleveland, OH, which won its fourth straight state Division I title and sixth in the last seven years.

Mike Solwold, who committed early to the University of Wisconsin, was a key for Arrowhead High of Hartland, WI, which has won its last 24 games and two straight state Division I crowns.

Rufus French caught 24 passes for 411 yards and seven TDs for Armory (15-0), the Mississippi Class AAA titlist.

Gorman Thornton, a brother of former University of Alabama and NFL player George Thornton, was a member of the nationally ranked and state Class 6A basketball champion Jeff Davis High team of Montgomery, AL, after earning honors in football.

KICKERS

Jim Sanson of St. Mary's in Phoenix, AZ, not only kicks but is a touted defensive back/wide receiver as well. Last season, he booted 12 field goals, including a 58-yarder, and 47 of 51 PATs. In two years, he has kicked 16 field goals, including six over 44 yards, and 88 of 93 conversions.

Jeremy Thompson of Clinton, OK, is near-perfect on kicks the last two years (14 of 17 field goals and 88 of 90 PATs). He also has 78

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QUARTERBACKS

ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Quincy Carter.....6-3	205	SW Dekalb.....	Decatur, GA
Tim Couch.....6-5	215	Leslie County.....	Hyden, KY
Earl Hanford.....6-3	215	Martinsville.....	Martinsville, IN
Tim Hasselbeck.....6-2	200	Xaverian.....	Westwood, MA
Odell James.....6-4	205	Aldine MacArthur.....	Houston, TX

RUNNING BACKS

Darren Davis.....5-9	175	Southridge.....	Miami, FL
DeAngelo Evans.....5-9	205	Collegiate.....	Wichita, KS
Michael Graham.....5-10	205	Charter Oak.....	Covina, CA
Keniko Logan.....6-0	195	Northside.....	Fort Smith, AR
Patrick Pass.....6-0	208	Tucker.....	Tucker, GA
Durrell Price.....6-1	225	Sylmar.....	Sylmar, CA
Ketric Sanford.....5-9	190	Corsicana.....	Corsicana, TX

UTILITY PLAYERS

Cullen Bryant.....6-4	218	Houston.....	Germantown, TN
Daymon Carroll.....5-11	173	Norristown.....	Norristown, PA
Rashard Casey.....6-3	184	Hoboken.....	Hoboken, NJ
Willie Gardner.....6-1	186	Suwannee.....	Live Oak, FL
Kevin Harvey.....5-10	175	Paulsboro.....	Paulsboro, NJ

WIDE RECEIVERS

LaCory Collins.....6-3	215	Skyline.....	Oakland, CA
Kenneth Davis.....6-0	190	Washington.....	Houston, TX
Tony Hartley.....6-2	185	Los Alamitos.....	Los Alamitos, CA
Quinton Spotwood.....6-0	170	Elizabeth.....	Elizabeth, NJ

TIGHT ENDS

Rufus French.....6-5	227	Armory.....	Armory, MS
Dan O'Leary.....6-5	225	St. Ignatius.....	Cleveland, OH
Mike Solwold.....6-6	232	Arrowhead.....	Hartland, WI
Gorman Thornton.....6-4	245	Jeff Davis.....	Montgomery, AL

KICKERS

Jim Sanson.....5-10	175	St. Mary's.....	Phoenix, AZ
Jeremy Thompson.....5-11	175	Clinton.....	Clinton, OK

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jeff Backus.....6-6	273	Norcross.....	Norcross, GA
Bill Brann.....6-4	270	South.....	Blue Springs, MO
Travis Claridge.....6-6	296	Fort Vancouver.....	Vancouver, WA
Jefferson Kelly.....6-6	310	Colerain.....	Cincinnati, OH
Ben Kopp.....6-5	275	Valley.....	New Kensington, PA
Chad Ward.....6-6	315	Riverview.....	Kennwick, WA
Zac Zedalis.....6-4	282	Santa Fe.....	Alachua, FL

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Shedrick Gurley.....6-3	236	Godby.....	Tallahassee, FL
Enoch Jackson.....6-2	245	Wyatt.....	Fort Worth, TX
Jerome King.....6-4	245	West Monroe.....	Monroe, LA
Robaire Smith.....6-5	230	Northern.....	Flint, MI
Jesse Warren.....6-6	260	Carter.....	Dallas, TX
Brad Williams.....6-6	250	Mater Dei.....	Santa Ana, CA

LINEBACKERS

Courtney Brown.....6-6	225	Macedonia.....	Moncks Corner, SC
Chris Clairborne.....6-3	225	North.....	Riverside, CA
Andy Katzenmoyer.....6-5	240	South.....	Westerville, OH
Daryl Owens.....6-0	215	Provine.....	Jackson, MS
Nathaniel Webster.....6-0	220	Northwestern.....	Miami, FL
Troy West.....6-4	205	Manatee.....	Bradenton, FL

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Mike Burden.....6-1	205	Palatine.....	Palatine, IL
Brandon Daniels.....6-1	210	Ada.....	Ada, OK
Dwayne Goodrich.....6-0	177	Richards.....	Oak Lawn, IL
Jeremiah Pharms.....6-3	217	Valley.....	Sacramento, CA

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percent of his kickoffs not returned. Last season, he booted 10 of 12 field goals, including a 52-yarder, and 34 of 35 conversions.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The seven honorees average 6-5 1/2 and 289 pounds. Two of the biggest hail from Washington: Chad Ward (6-6, 315) of Riverview in Kennewick, an all-stater who also competes in basketball and track, and Travis Claridge (6-6, 297) of Fort Vancouver in Vancouver, who some recruiters say appears ready to play on Sundays.

All-state returnees from Ohio, Florida, and Missouri rate raves. Jefferson Kelly (6-6, 310) of Colerain in Cincinnati is also a school thespian and near straight-A student. Zac Zedalis (6-4, 282) of Santa Fe High in Alachua, FL, can bench press 435 pounds. Bill Brann (6-4, 270) of Blue Springs, MO, South, has been a regular since his freshman season.

Jeff Backus (6-6, 273) of Norcross, GA, has already received several college offers while Ben Kopp (6-5, 275) of Valley High in New Kensington, PA, has already accepted a grant-in-aid offer from nearby University of Pittsburgh.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Texas is loaded with touted linemen and two of the best are Enoch Jackson (6-2, 245) of Wyatt High in Fort Worth and Jesse Warren (6-6, 260) of Carter High in Dallas, an annual producer of college prospects. Jackson, who bench presses 360 pounds, was in on 110 tackles, including 10 sacks,

at end last fall. Warren earned all-state plaudits before starting on the state Class 5A runner-up basketball team.

Another football-basketball standout is Robaire Smith (6-5, 230) of Northern High in Flint, MI. A two-way football end, he was in on 90 tackles a year ago, including 25 behind the line and 16 sacks. He was also a starter on the state Class A championship basketball team.

Louisiana's top prospect could be Jerome King (6-4, 245) of West Monroe, who is being courted by numerous colleges.

The top returnee from Mater Dei High of Santa Ana, CA, which went 14-0 and claimed Southern California honors while ranking either No. 1 or 2 in national polls, could be two-way end Brad Williams (6-6, 250). He had 53 tackles and 4.5 sacks as a junior.

In Florida, Sheddric Gurley (6-3, 236) of Godby High in Tallahassee is a two-sport standout. The pass rusher, who doubles at fullback, is one of the state's top track weightmen with a 60-foot shot put and 177-foot discus toss last spring.

LINEBACKERS

The top overall prospects in South Carolina and Mississippi could be Courtney Brown of Macedonia High in Moncks Corner, SC, and Daryl Owens of Provine High in Jackson, MS. Brown, who also sports a 4.0 grade point average, was in on 168 tackles. As a tight end, he caught 38 passes for 633 yards and eight TDs. Owens, the Jackson area Metro Player of the Year, was the only junior selected for all-state honors.

Two Florida standouts and four-year regulars are highly touted. Nathaniel Webster of Miami Northwestern has 270 tackles the last two seasons. Troy West of Bradenton Manatee was in on 93 stops in '94. Each had 11 sacks.

Ohio and California are home to the other honorees: Andy Katzenmoyer of Westerville, OH, South, and Chris Claiborne of Riverside, CA, North. Katzenmoyer, who rushed for eight TDs as a fullback, was in on 92 tackles as a junior. Claiborne had 74 solo stops last fall.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Brandon Daniels is considered the top prospect in Oklahoma after leading Ada High to the last two state Class 4A titles and 26 straight wins. The two-way back, who ran a 10.47 for 100 meters, is the school's all-time total offensive leader with 4,349 career yards at quarterback. Last fall, he earned all-state honors in the secondary.

Jeremiah Pharms was an all-state underclass defensive selection as a strong safety for Valley High in Sacramento, CA, and is one of the top recruits on the West Coast.

Illinois has two honored defenders in Mike Burden of Palatine and Dwayne Goodrich of Richards High in Oak Lawn. Burden had 96 tackles and 64 assists with 13 sacks a year ago. On offense, he accounted for 1,396 all-purpose yards and scored 26 TDs. Goodrich intercepted five passes and returned two kickoffs for 80 yards. On offense, he rushed for 13 TDs.

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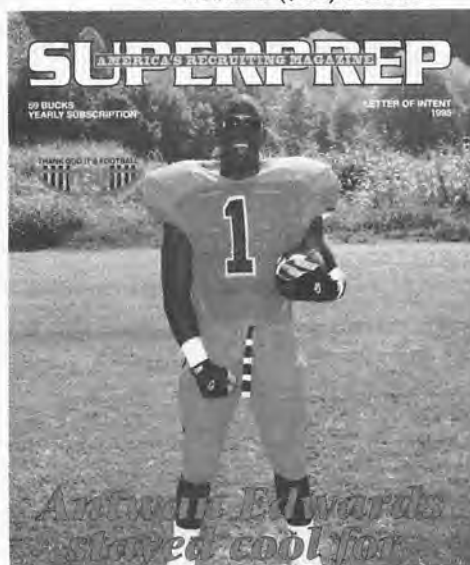
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25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH IN 1995

ANNISTON, AL (13-2)

The defending state class 6A champ won its last 12 games and has 35 lettermen returning.

ST. MARY'S

Phoenix, Arizona (12-2)

The state Class 5A runner-up last season has All-America place-kicker Jim Sanson and all-state quarterback Ryab Kealy among its returnees.

LOS ALAMITOS, CA (12-1)

Thirteen starters return, including the state Junior of the Year, quarterback Kevin Feterik, and recruited receivers Tony Hartley and Stan Guyness. The Griffins have won 109 of 127 in the last decade, including 46 of their last 48.

DE LA SALLE

Concord, CA (13-0)

The defending state and national poll champion is on a 39-game streak and has won 73 of its last 74 games. Coach Bob LaDouceur has a 175-14-1 record.

FONTANA, CA (8-4)

The 1987 state and national poll champion has 17 starters back, including touted junior running back Art Gipson, linebacker Anselmo Zamano, and speedy transfer R. Jay Soward.

SOUTHRIDGE

Miami, FL (14-1)

New head coach Mark Guandolo moves over from Pace High and inherits 13 starters, including All-America running back Darren Davis from the Class 6A runner-up. The Spartans won the 1993 title.

MANATEE

Bradenton, FL (10-3)

Coach Joe Kinnan has won four state titles since 1983, including 1992 and was 1993 runner-up to Southridge.

NORCROSS, GA (10-1)

The Blue Devils are paced by All-America lineman Jeff Backus and linebacker George Harper, brother of Atlanta Falcon Roger Harper.

ST. LOUIS

Honolulu, HI (13-0)

Coach Cal Lee has a 114-17-2 record and has won the last nine Prep Bowl crowns. Quarterback Darnell Arceneaux runs the show.

PROVIDENCE

New Lenox, IL (14-0)

The defending state Class 5A champ seeks its fourth crown in the last nine years.

PORTAGE, IN (13-1)

Two all-state linemen return from the junior-dominated state Class 5A runner-up.

SALMEN

Slidell, LA (14-1)

The defending Louisiana Class 4A titlist returns all-state junior running back Dewayne Woods.

ELIZABETH, NJ (7-2)

Sixteen starters return, including four-year quarterback Al Hawkins and All-America Quinton Spotwood, a wide receiver/defensive back.

ST. IGNATIUS

Cleveland, OH (13-1)

The Wildcats have won the last four state Division I crowns and six of the last seven while claiming two national poll titles. Coach Chuck Kyle is 120-22-1 with 90 wins in his last 94 games including 47 of the last 48. All-America tight end Dan O'Leary tops 12 returning starters.

COLERAIN

Cincinnati, OH (12-1)

All-America offensive tackle Jefferson Kelly and quarterback David Murphy, the area back of the year, head 13 regulars back from the state semifinalist.

MIDWEST CITY, OK (14-0)

The defending state Class 6A titlist returns 32 lettermen, including touted running back Vernon Maxwell from its first-ever perfect-record team.

BERWICK, PA (14-1)

The Bulldogs won their state Class 3A crown in 1994 and could reach 600 all-time victories with 13 in '95. Coach George Curry is 269-61-4.

UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA (10-3)

The perennial WPIAL contender has won 47 of its last 54 games and returns a veteran cast.

NORRISTOWN, PA (10-1)

All-America speedster Daymon Carroll heads the chief eastern Class 4A contender.

GREER, SC (15-0)

The Yellow Jackets won the state Class 3A championship with an underclass-dominated squad.

PERMIAN

Odessa, TX (9-4-1)

The Mojos are the preseason state Class 5A choice and have won six state titles with four runners-up plus the 1989 national poll crown. Permian also has the state's best all-time winning mark (83 percent).

JOHN TYLER

Tyler, TX (16-0)

The defending state 5A-II champion has touted junior defensive lineman David Warren and other playoff veterans.

CARTER

Dallas, TX (8-3-1)

All-America defensive lineman Jesse Warren is among several college prospects.

SOUTH KITSAP

Port Orchard, WA (13-0)

Eleven regulars return from the Wolves' first state title team (after 15 straight playoff berths).

ARROWHEAD

Hartland, WI (13-0)

Ten starters are among 32 lettermen back from the team seeking a third straight state Division I crown and extending its 24-game win streak. All-America tight end Mike Solwold has a Wisconsin U. grant.

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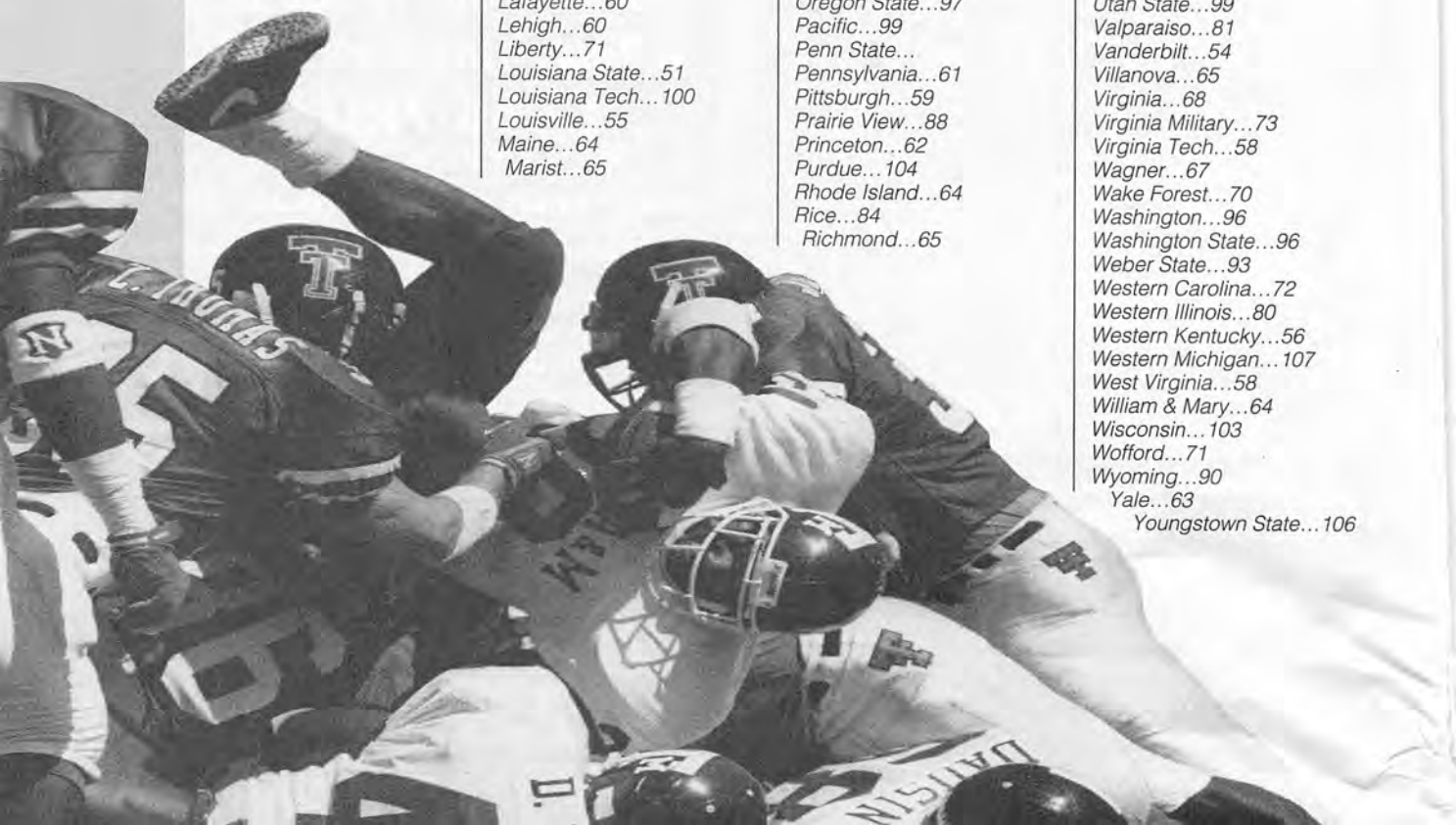
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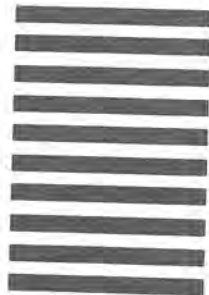
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